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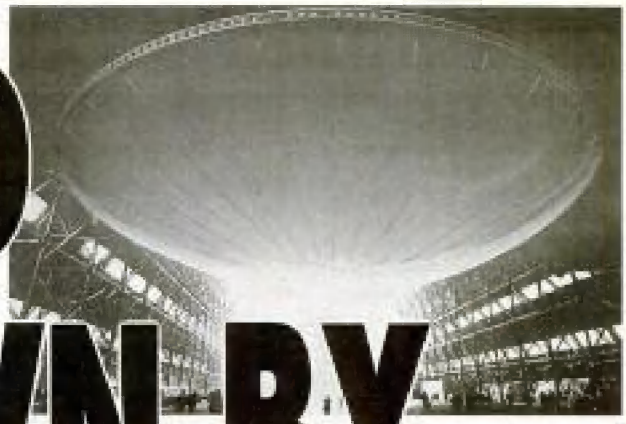

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DOC HAILS MIRACLE TONIC . . .

Supercharge your sex life — with coconut milk

Gal chews same piece of gum since 1960

Couple nearly suffocates during love romp — while wearing gas masks!

Air raid shelter SHOCKER

By LAUREL BOWIE

TEL AVIV, Israel — Hot-blooded bride Pam Isaak and her lusty hubby Ira nearly died of suffocation in an Israeli air raid shelter — when they tried to make whoopee with their gas masks on!

"That was scary. We almost killed ourselves in there," said embarrassed Ira, 25.

"We started to breathe heavy, and all of a sudden there wasn't enough air coming through our masks. We both passed out, and we'd have been in real trouble if a guy hadn't found us and called a doctor."

The bizarre tale of love and war began when the nervous newlyweds took refuge in a sealed room at a Tel Aviv office complex during the early stages of Operation Desert Storm.

"My husband was working late one night and I was visiting him in his office when suddenly the sirens went off," passionate Pam, 21, told an Israeli TV reporter.

"We put our gas masks on and rushed into one of the rooms they'd fixed up as a nerve-gas shelter. We were so terrified we were shaking, because we had no idea what was going to happen next."

The trembling lovebirds were huddled together in the shelter, waiting for all hell to break loose, when they got a sudden hankering for hanky-panky.

"We were all alone in there, so we started snuggling up a bit," red-blooded Ira recalled. "Even with those big, ugly masks on, we were getting pretty cozy.

"It seemed like being so scared kind of turned us on, because the next thing we knew we were rolling around on the floor wearing nothing but our gas masks.

"At that point the war with Iraq was the last thing on our minds.

"Then things started to spin and we went out like a light."

Minutes later, when the all-clear sounded, jolted janitor Aaron Fishback entered the room and found the dazed sweeties lying on the floor in their birthday suits, barely able to breathe.

"In that sealed room, with those heavy masks on, there just wasn't enough oxygen for what they'd been trying to do," said amused Aaron, 67.

"But I got them a doctor and he pumped them full of oxygen, and they were back on their feet in no time.

"They were awful sheepish about it all, but I told them not to worry.

"I said, 'Look, kids, there's a time and a place for all that — but when you're wearing a gas mask, that isn't the time OR the place.'"

WEARING gas masks is a no-no during a roll in the hay, two lovebirds learned.

WACKY IRAQIS NAMING THEIR BRATS 'SCUD'!

Since war broke out in the Persian Gulf, Saddam has become the most popular name for newborn sons of fanatical followers of the Butcher of Baghdad — but rapidly gaining in popularity is Scud, after the Iraqi missile!

In the last few weeks, Scud has become the second most popular name for boys. Thousands of devout Muslims are giving their babies the bizarre name to show their support for Saddam Hussein's bombing of Israel and Saudi Arabia with the missile.

"It's an honorable name," one Iraqi father was reported as saying. "It's my way of showing support for my government."

And incredibly, government sources reveal the unusual names have now spread from the Middle East to Africa.

"There have been hundreds of newborn baby boys named Saddam since Iraq invaded Kuwait in August," said a government official from the predominantly Muslim country of Algeria. "Before that the name was almost unheard of here.

"And in the past few weeks, dozens of parents have named their sons Scud. It appears to be the start of a new trend."

— ANN HUGHEY

Booze on the brain

Merely thinking that you're drinking can get you drunk!

So say University of Washington researchers who gave students alcohol-free beer and cocktails and found that after 45 minutes of sipping, the kids were potted.

"After they think they've more relaxed and outgoing and a party atmosphere develops," said one expert involved in the test.

"Then we tell them, 'Guess what? You haven't had any alcohol.' The placebo effect teaches them how much of their behavioral change was due to expectancy and nothing

Inhospitable

If you have to go to the hospital, beware! It could be hazardous to your health!

Nearly one in 25 hospital patients suffers injuries at the hands of a doctor, and more than a quarter of those injuries are due to substandard care, according to the recently published *Harvard Medical Practice Study*.

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CURIOUS tourists come by the busload to gawk at Elijah when he sits on the throne.

Meet Elijah — the world's only potty-trained elephant

Amazing Elijah the elephant looks like any other bull bounding through the jungles of India, but tourists turn out by the thousands to ogle this clever critter — because he's the only potty-trained pachyderm in the world!

Not only does astonishing Elijah do his business in a toilet bowl, the mannerly animal lowers the lid when he's done — and flushes away the evidence.

"Elijah loves his john so much he won't go anywhere else," said his doting owner Calvin Thomas.

"I don't know what he'd do if he ever wound up in the wilds where he didn't have a toilet. The poor guy would probably die of constipation."

The incredible elephant is the star attraction among the 500 beasts that roam animal-crazy Cal's private game preserve in Southeast India.

"We started this place as kind of a refuge for wild animals that had been hurt or trapped and abandoned or needed a home for whatever reason," said the former British veterinarian.

"The plan was to support our project by charging tourists to drive through and see our animals in their natural habitat."

The only trouble was, nobody came — until Elijah started pooping in a potty.

"We've got a crew of people out here who can handle animals probably as well as anybody in the world, and one day one of the guys decided he was going to teach that elephant to use the toilet," Cal recalled. "Everybody kind of laughed at him, but he and Elijah must have been on the same wavelength because within a month or so he had the big guy completely trained."

And not a second too soon.

"We were right on the brink of folding and then a newspaper did a story about how we had an elephant out here that uses a john," said elated Cal.

"Now all of a sudden we've got visitors coming out our ears — and they all want to see Elijah on the can."

— LAUREL ROWE

MAN DRINKS BUG KILLER

A retired railroad engineer in Thetford, England, died af-

Scaredy-cat guy flees jet 'cause pilot was a gal!

FLIGHT CAPTAIN Christy Gomes turned her plane around and put a terrified passenger back on the runway in Seattle. The unidentified man said he was scared of flying with a woman at the controls.

A weak-kneed passenger was put off a commercial jet when he refused to fly because the pilot was a woman.

By JACK ALEXANDER

"There was no question in my mind about letting him go," said veteran Alaska Airlines pilot Christy Gomes. "We didn't want him aboard if he didn't want to be there."

Alaska Flight 803 was pulling away from the gate in Seattle when the terrified man, who wasn't identified, demanded to be put off the plane.

"One of our flight attendants thought he was joking, but he definitely wasn't," said airline spokesman Greg Witter.

The frightened passenger claimed to have been in three accidents involving planes piloted by women.

"I'm curious what his story is," said Christy, 37, who has been a pilot with the airlines for nine years, including the last four as a flight captain.

A stunt pilot who owns two planes of her own, Christy is one of 20 women pilots with Alaska Airlines. She has been a test pilot and is the daughter of a retired Air Force pilot.

When other passengers were told there would be a 10-minute departure delay and given the reason why there was a murmur of disbelief and boos.

"No one should be afraid to fly with a woman pilot," Christy said. "We're in a fishbowl all the time and we have to prove ourselves every day."

"She's as good as any man piloting a plane," said Witter. "She's very highly regarded."

When she isn't flying for the airlines, capable Christy is performing flying loops, rolling circles and other intricate maneuvers as a member of the Seattle Aerobatic International Club.

"I could fly upside down all day," said Christy, who has a cat named Amelia Earhart, the famous woman pilot of the 1930s.

Broom-waving maid foils gorilla-suited holdup man

An office cleaning woman didn't monkey around when a man in a gorilla suit dropped through a ceiling air-conditioning vent and shouted, "This is a stick-up!"

Spunky Sandra Smith took one look at the hairy intruder, grabbed up her trusty broom and chased the would-be robber right out of the building. "He didn't want to have anything to do with me after I started hitting him with that broom," Sandra chuckled. "He ran like the demons of hell were on his tail."

Cops in Baden-Baden, Germany, say they aren't sure how the ape-suited burglar gained entrance to the building but speculate he probably came in during regular office hours and hid out in the duct work until he thought everyone had gone for the day.

— ANN HUGHEY

DIVORCED FOLKS SMOKE MORE

Divorced people are 56 percent more likely to smoke than are

Rich New Jersey doc and wife shot to death by son, say cops

KILLER BRAT WROTE 'MOM' & 'DAD' ON SHELLS!

By JACK ALEXANDER
Staff writer

An adopted rich kid is accused of blowing his parents away with shotgun shells labeled "Mom" and "Dad" — because he thought they loved his stepbrother better.

After committing the brutal double murder, Matthew Heikkila, 20, nonchalantly dined at a restaurant with his girlfriend and then showed her the bloody bodies, cops said.

Dr. Richard Heikkila and his wife Dawn had been shot in the head with a sawed-off double-barreled shotgun in the family's plush two-story home in Basking Ridge, N.J.

Dr. Heikkila, 48, was doing scientific research on a drug to treat Parkinson's disease.

POLICE found two shotgun shells labeled "Mom" and "Dad" in the front yard of the slain couple's spacious home. Adopted son Matthew Heikkila, inset, has been charged with murder.

"They were ambush-type murders. Both were shot in cold blood," said prosecutor Nicholas Bissell. "They never had a chance."

Police said Matthew brought his girlfriend to his parents' home, handcuffed himself to her and forced her to spend the night with him in the house of horrors. She wasn't identified.

The next morning Matthew drove his girlfriend to her home to pick up her passport, but her mother was suspicious and wouldn't let her fly to the Caribbean with him, cops said.

"Friends who knew the family said Matthew hated his stepbrother, Joshua, because he thought his mom and dad loved Joshua more than him," said prosecutor Bissell.

Joshua, the 19-year-old natural son of the dead couple and a freshman at Dartmouth College, was given police protection as cops searched the Caribbean for Matthew. They arrested him a few days later in Jamaica.

Friends said the brothers were totally different. "Josh was a class valedictorian and Matthew was always in trouble," one said.

The young suspect earlier had been charged with stealing $4,600 in jewelry and cloth-

pected of stealing $900 from a hotel where he worked.

Matthew said he felt "absolutely terrible" about what happened to his parents.

"When I sit down and think about it, I freak out, my emotions run wild. I can't believe I did it," cops quoted Matthew as saying after his arrest.

Two spent shells marked "Mom" and "Dad" were found next to the murder weapon, a 20-gauge shotgun, in the front yard of the spacious home.

"There were two more shotgun shells and they had my name and my girlfriend's name on them," Matthew told police.

Matthew is in jail on $2.5

IN COLD BLOOD: Dr. Richard Heikkila and his wife Dawn were

Acupuncture turns dud pigs into barnyard STUDS!

ONCE-PRIZED porker was too pooped to perform but a snout full of needles will restore his pep, say experts.

By MARTHA ATKINS

Pig breeders have come up with a prickly new way to spice up their prized porkers' sex lives — acupuncture!

Incredibly, sluggish male pigs are hot to trot after being stuck in the neck and snout with needles.

"We are amazed, but it is quite true," said one scientific expert at Britain's Bishop Burton college.

"Acupuncture does help pigs' sex drive. The centuries-old treatment changes them dramatically. Now, they're like stallions!

"It gives boars more spirit, gets sows in the mood and also cures a number of other illnesses."

At first, English farm experts thought visiting Japanese student Tetsuo Yamashita was pulling their leg when he told them the ancient art has been used for thousands of years on pigs in Japan.

But the oriental wonder worker made believers out of them when he got out his needles and demonstrated the technique with remarkable results.

"The cure was complete," said college marketing director Simon Foster.

"Mr. Yamashita cured one sow of a tumor inside 24 hours, and also corrected eye disorder, pneumonia and lameness.

"The animals didn't feel a thing. They just stood there while Mr. Yamashita stuck them full of four-inch needles. We couldn't believe how easy it looked."

'Now, they're like stallions'

Yikes! Plane has no place to land

An American West airline pilot got the shock of his life when his flight arrived late at a small desert airport in California — and the place was closed down!

The two pilots and 10 passengers aboard Flight 179 from Las Vegas, had to circle Palmdale Regional Airport for thirty hellish minutes until they found someone to turn on the landing lights and reopen the terminal.

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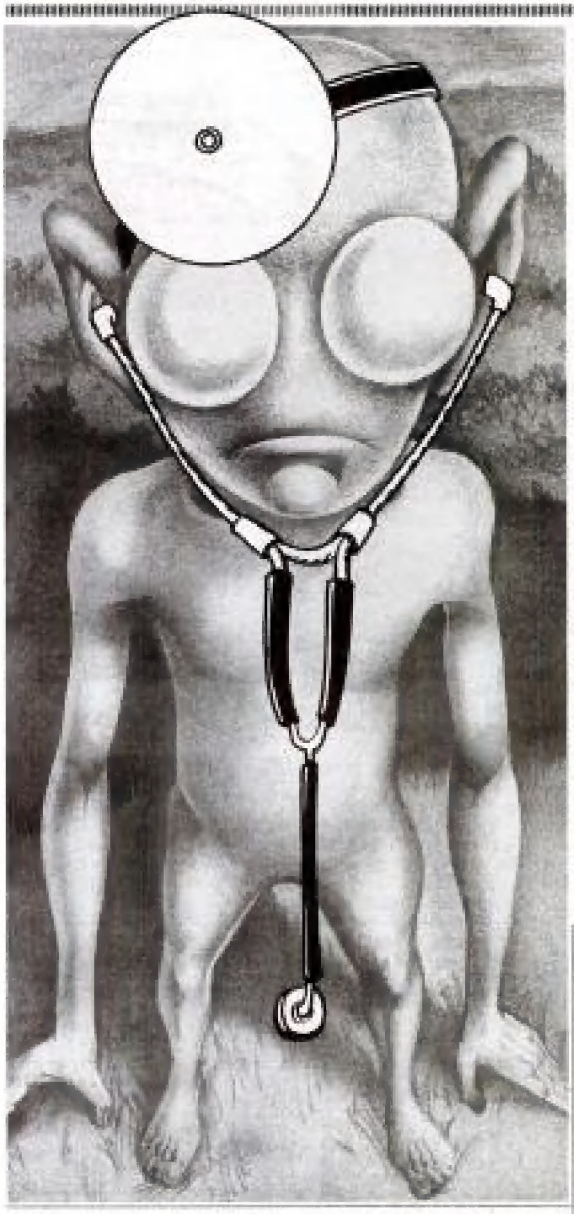

Space alien health manual found at UFO landing site

A UFO researcher claims to have found a space alien health and fitness manual with tips that are literally out of this world.

Dr. Peter Waring says he discovered the 45-page guide at an alleged UFO landing site near Nairobi, Kenya, in late December and spent the past few months translating it from the mathematical code it was written in.

The health tips reportedly deal with everything from obesity and muscle tone to skin care and digestion.

It also includes a chapter on dietary cures for just about everything that could ail an alien.

"It is a marvelous book and gives us a great deal of insight into the extraterrestrials that visit our planet," Dr. Waring, founder and president of the UFO watchdog group, E.T. Today, told newsmen in Nairobi.

"We tend to think of these visitors as being super human. But if this manual is correct, and I have every reason to believe that it is, then extraterrestrials suffer from a wide variety of ailments — even more than we humans do." A sample of the tips, treatments and cures for space aliens follows.

Coded booklet tells E.T.s how to keep fit

They aren't intended for humans and some are clearly dangerous if not life threatening, Dr. Waring warned.

● Acne: Scrape vigorously with knife or file. Acid bath optional.

● Arthritis: Sip kerosene as necessary to relieve pain and reduce swelling.

● Stomach upset: Chew clay or dirt until pain subsides.

● Fatigue: Electrical shocks as needed to restore pep.

● Colds and flu: Acorn juice at first sign of onset.

● Obesity: Boost salt intake and eat more white and green meats. Exercise regularly — at least once a month — and consume foods from the five sugar groups twice daily.

● Safe sex: Keep ear coverings in place after contact for a count of 3 trillion.

● Blisters: Lick until gone.

● Broken bones: Elevate overnight.

● Heart disease: Activate spare.

● Cancer: Sleep until cured.

Said Dr. Waring: "The extraterrestrials who wrote and follow this manual obviously differ from humans in many ways.

"The fact that they drink kerosene for arthritis and cure heart disease by activating a spare are almost beyond comprehension.

"I'd love to meet one of these creatures."

WARNING: These health tips are NOT intended for use by human life-forms. Some of the practices and techniques listed here are extremely dangerous to Earthlings and could prove fatal.

No brain, no pain!

Lobsters feel no pain when you dump them into a pot of boiling hot water — cause they've got no brain. No brain, no pain, said University of Maine researcher Michael Loughlin in answer to an animal rights group that called the boiling inhumane.

Teller busted in bank robbery

A bank teller skipped lunch one day, went down the street to another bank — and robbed it, cops say.

Michael McKenna, 37, was charged with first-degree robbery and third-degree larceny in the theft of $1,200 from the bank in Norwalk, Conn.

"He punched out, robbed the bank, went home and left the money and punched back in," said Police Lt. Arthur Arway.

Witnesses provided cops with information about the getaway car and they quickly traced it to McKenna.

He had no previous criminal record.

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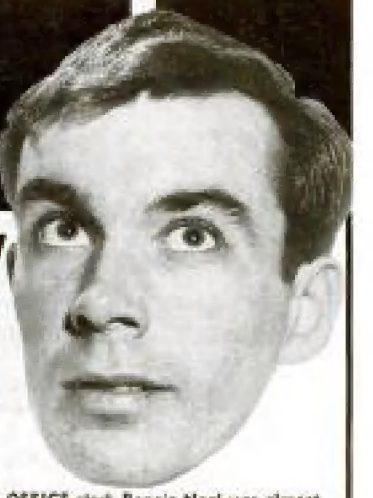

OFFICE clerk Reggie Neal was almost killed after two co-workers stapled him to his chair for the weekend.

Construction workers played the ultimate trick on the nerdy male secretary in their office — they stapled the poor geek to his chair on a Friday afternoon and left him there all weekend!

By the time employees returned to work on Monday 30-year-old Reggie Neal was dehydrated, in shock and delirious, and two men were charged with assault and reckless endangerment in the case.

By JEAN DUFRESNE

But a police spokesman said they're lucky they weren't charged with murder.

"The man was close to death, there's no douht about it," Det. Claude Pretet told newsmen in Paris. "He went without food and water for almost 40 hours and he was a weak individual to begin with.

"The men who stapled him to the chair said they meant no harm but the facts speak for themselves. They damn near killed him."

The mind-numbing drama allegedly began when roofers Richard Clement, 42, and Paul Didier, 26, returned to their office from a construction site to clock out for the weekend.

Neal was alone and closing up when they got there. According to police, Didier pulled a heavy-duty roofing stapler out of his tool belt and said: "Hey, nerd — how'd you like me to staple you to the wall?"

Clement reportedly suggested that they staple Neal to a wooden office chair instead. Incredibly, they did.

"The staples in those guns are almost two inches long and they must have shot 50 or 60 of them through the slack in his jeans, shirt and jacket," said Det. Pretet.

"There was no way he could have wriggled out of his clothes or pulled the staples out to free himself. Those things are designed to hold shingles on a roof in high winds.

Neal was hospitalized for observation and released after an overnight stay.

Expert: Kids eat what they need

Parents shouldn't worry when kids don't clean their plates, a new study shows — because they'll get enough to eat even if they skip meals or pick at their food.

Researchers have found that children tend to take in the same amount of calories each day, even though they may refuse to eat certain foods, change their tastes from meal to meal or swallow just a few bites at a meal.

"Children's eating behavior meal to meal is unpredictable," says Dr. Leann Birch of the University of Illinois, who headed the study. "But that's probably normal. Energy intake over the total day is relatively tightly regulated.

"It's the parents' job to supply kids with an array of nutritional foods but the child's job to decide when and how much to eat. Parents should not try to stuff food into their child."

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Those are just a few of the more common myths about pregnancy that continue to circulate today.

Despite the widespread availability of birth control information, huge numbers of American teens are still in the dark when it comes to knowing how to prevent pregnancy.

By MARTHA ATKINS

"I'm always amazed at how misinformed people are when it comes to sex education," said Toots Cody, a health education counselor for Planned Parenthood in West Palm Beach, Fla.

"Many parents aren't comfortable talking about sex to their children and as a result they get most of their information from their peers and it's often wrong."

The following are other common myths and the truth behind them:

MYTH: A girl can always know of one absolutely safe time between menstrual periods when she cannot get pregnant.

FACT: It is possible for a girl to get pregnant at any time during her menstrual cycle.

MYTH: Both the man and woman have to have an orgasm in order for her to get pregnant.

FACT: Totally false. It's been happening for years.

MYTH: You can't get pregnant without vaginal penetration or if a boy withdraws before ejaculation.

FACT: Even if a boy ejaculates near a girl's vagina, it's still possible for sperm to find their way inside.

MYTH: You only need to take a birth control pill right before intercourse in order to prevent pregnancy.

FACT: To be effective, birth control pills need to be taken as directed every day for 21 days and they should be taken for at least one month before intercourse.

MYTH: If a woman has been taking the Pill for at least six months she can stop for a month and still be protected against pregnancy.

FACT: The Pill needs to be taken continuously to be effective.

MYTH: You can't get pregnant the first time.

FACT: A girl can get pregnant every time she has sex, including her first time.

MYTH: Once a boy gets really excited and gets an erection, he has to go all the way or it will be harmful.

FACT: There is no harm in not acting on every sexual urge.

Semen cannot get "backed up" and demand ejaculation.

After 250-mile drive, cabbie gets only $14 for $435 fare

Delores Barrient took a cab clear across the state of Florida and then handed the driver $14 to pay the fare, say cops.

The cabbie, Dario Hernandez, said he picked the 58-year-old woman up in Miami and drove her to St. Petersburg, over 250 miles away.

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WORLD'S HOTTEST GOSSIP

By JOHN HANNON

James Brown for sainthood!

Soul man's fans say he's a holy rock 'n' roller!

JAMES deserves a prominent place in heaven, say his supporters.

Wait a minute . . . is **James Brown**, the Godfather of Soul, the Father of Rap, Cell Brother No. 155413, the freakin' Deacon of Disco, destined to become Saint Yeeeoooowww!!! when he eventually kicks the bucket?

That's the burning ambition of **Giacomo Brunetti**, who's spearheading the movement to have the raucous rocker canonized by the Vatican when he dies.

"That James Brown is a holy man of God who performed more miracles than just about anyone else who ever lived won't be hard to prove," said Brunetti, professor of music at the University of Bologna, Italy.

"His music and dance have healed the lame, the deaf and the blind. He INVENTED funk, for God's sake! What else does he have to do?" asks Prof. Brunetti.

COLD SWEAT: Brown's concerts have a religious fervor.

Brown himself stands firmly in God's corner. "People don't want to believe that strongly in God, but I've got to believe in God, because that's the only hope we've got," he says.

But Soul Brother No. 1's charisma is so strong it can sometimes boomerang. Reminiscing about his recent skirmish with the law, Brown had this to say: "I've watched most of the people that were involved in my prosecution be-come very, very, very ill. That's right. Bad statements, whatever, they've been very sick. Ninety percent of them. That's very strange, you know."

Brown was convicted in 1988 of failing to stop for the police in South Carolina and two counts of assault "of a high and aggravated nature" for trying to run down officers. He was acquitted of assault with intent to kill. And to this day, Brown doesn't acknowledge smoking PCP, the animal tranquilizer, even though a drug test after his arrest indicates that he had been. "They can say anything they want," Brown declares.

Bullybooing celebs for sainthood is

What do you think?

Does James Brown, the Godfather of Soul, have what it takes to be a saint? If you agree with Prof. Brunetti, drop a line to World's Hottest Gossip, Weekly World News, 600 S. East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33462. We'll forward your opinions to him.

ANTI-DRUG pop stars New Kids on the Block are going to Colombia!

New Kids risking necks to fight evil drug barons!

New Kids on the Block will put their wealthy young lives on the line in a bold bid to save fans from becoming dope fiends. The president of Colombia, Cesar Trujillo, has sent The Kids a personal plea to join the war against his country's evil cocaine cartels. And The Kids are ready, willing and able.

"We have always been strongly anti-drugs. Drugs ruin lives," says Donnie Wahlberg. Drug gangs have ruthlessly killed dozens of Colombian government officials in the past two years. But President Trujillo has promised the band round-the-clock protection and has personally guaranteed their safety. He was so impressed by The Kids' anti-drug spots on American TV and their knockout performance at the Rock in Rio festival that he made his extraordinary appeal for help.

A spokesman for the hot, hot group adds: "The Kids know they're doing the right thing. They will take extra precautions and hopefully they'll be okay." Okay, okay, but can the president of Colombia guarantee his own safety? — *London Star*

nothing new — both **Elvis** and **Princess Grace** have been seriously considered in the recent past. — Special to *Weekly World News*

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We know what we love about **Kim Basinger** — those lips, those legs, those sultry eyes. Now here's what Kimmy loves in guys. "I love a man who knows his femininity. I love a man who can cry. I love a man who's not afraid to delve into the female psyche and become part of it. Have tea with the girls, emotionally." — *Cosmopolitan*

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Robin Williams and the little woman were putting on the feed bag recently at a Frisco eatery. Mork got so miffed at his dieting wife turning down his every meal suggestion, he told the waiter: "Look, would you bring my wife a portion of air?" — *San Francisco Chronicle*

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Tragicomic **Jonathan Winters** has been called a living example of the "fine line between comic genius and mental instability," so the big guy doesn't need public pests, but he gets 'em. "A lot of people come up to me at restaurants, gasoline stations and they break into the bathroom stall where I'm seated and say, 'Say something funny!' " complains Winters, star of the new hit sitcom *Davis Rules*.

"My answer is, 'I would if I thought you'd get it.' " — *Newsday*

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Pals say they are "hopelessly in love." Who? *Scarface* Al Pacino and Angelface **Michelle Pfeiffer**, that's who!

The two met in 1983 on the set of the mob thriller and now sparks are flying during the filming of *Frankie and Johnny*.

"Their love scenes have been getting hotter and hotter as their romance grows," says a friend. How come stars are never "hopefully in love?" — *London Sun*

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He's been dubbed the Desert Fox and the Scud Stud. A fan club has sprung up at TV station KRON in San Francisco.

He's **Arthur Kent**, NBC's man in Dhahran. The Cult of Kent, mainly media-savvy women, loves the way Art handles high-pressure situations in Saudi Arabia. The fact that he looks like Clark Kent's Man of Steel may also have something to do with his popularity. "Kent-mania is sweeping the nation," says one insider. — *Detroit Free Press*

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Cindy Adams, one of gossip's reigning queens, claims **Ted** and **Jane** "will plight their troth, exchange their vows, recite their 'I do's' and exchange their rings" in The Bronx Botanical Gardens! That date is Sunday, June 9, right across from the Zoo.

Turner-Fonda flakeiers won't confirm a thing. — *New York Post*

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Bob Guccione, the prince of soft porn at *Penthouse*, was asked recently who was his dream centerfold. "Probably **Margaret Thatcher**," said the Gooch.

"She'd sell more copies than the most beautiful living Hollywood legend. She's not sexy or attractive by any means. But I can't imagine a man or a woman who wouldn't go out and buy nudes of Maggie. And that's the name of the game — selling magazines." — *Miami Herald*

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Anthony Hopkins has played **Hitler** and kidnapper **Bruno Hauptmann**, so he knows from evil. But his latest role may take the devil's food cake. In *Silence of*

TV NEWS hunk Arthur Kent is wowing the ladies from coast to coast as he reports on the war with Iraq. He even has a fan club!

the Lambs, Hopkins plays Dr. Hannibal the Cannibal Lecter, a psychotic shrink who serves the internal organs of his victims at dinner parties he throws for close friends.

Terror comes with the territory. Hopkins figures.

"When **Hitchcock** was asked about people's fascination with terror, he said: 'What's the first thing we do when we see a newborn baby? We go, Boo!' " — *London Mail*

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Tennis top dog **Boris Becker** is mulling retirement so he can pig out on burgers and brews. "It gets on my nerves when I have to watch what I eat and drink," says Boom-Boom.

"I don't give a #*!%, if I end up as a blimp. I just dream of stuffing beer and hamburgers inside me." — *London Daily Mirror*

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Butch Patrick played little Eddie in *The Munsters* and then real life turned into a horror trip. The show was canceled 24 years ago and Patrick, now 38, is a mess from drugs, booze, the fast lane and crime. The latest charge on his rap sheet is assaulting and robbing a Chicago limo driver of $150.

But Butch has done crazier things than that. "One night we rented out the whole floor of a hotel. I was lying in bed with four babes, all drunk and high," recalls Butch.

"I called room service and thought I had just ordered a couple of appetizers, but actually ordered for 150 people." — *Australian People*

Ford remembers a hell-raiser named **Barr**. "She trashed my house. I love **Roseanne**. But she's mean as hell."

Ford wonders about **George** and **Barbara Bush**. "Any man who can age a woman like that can't be good for us." — *Los Angeles Times*

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New *L.A. Law* star **Amanda Donohoe** body-slams leading ladies for using doubles in sex scenes. "It's hypocrisy. Appearing naked is a form of honesty." — *London Daily Mirror*

DOES former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher have a beach bunny's body hidden beneath her tailored suits? *Penthouse* readers may find out!

FUNNYMAN Jonathan Winters, right,

Kim Basinger

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SUICIDE OVER TV WAR

Virginia man shoots himself after watching the news

After watching television coverage of the Gulf War nonstop for over two weeks, panic-stricken Carlus Bennett became convinced the United States was under nuclear attack — and shot himself to death!

"He was convinced that the Iraqis were bombing the U.S. and CNN was covering it up," said Sgt. Michael Brewer, a media relations officer for the Newport News, Va., police department. "He thought we were under nuclear attack."

By MARTHA ATKINS

The drama began to unfold as soon as American warplanes began to rain bombs on Iraq.

Bennett, a 39-year-old self-employed carpenter who'd been out of work for two years, spent all of his time glued to the television set.

"He was watching the news 24 hours a day," said Sgt. Brewer.

"He'd go three or four days at a time without any sleep at all. And if he had to go out of the house for any reason, he'd tape the news so he wouldn't miss anything.

"Then he started stockpiling groceries and barricading windows in the house. And when his son came to visit he made him identify himself by his social security number before he'd let him in."

Up until the war began, Bennett, described by his wife Kay as a quiet, introverted man who rarely lost his temper, was just a regular, ordinary family man.

But after two weeks with almost no sleep, he lost touch with reality. When his wife tried to leave the house, the distraught husband tried to stop her.

"When she tried to leave he told her she couldn't and fired a shot into the air," said Sgt. Brewer.

"Luckily she was able to escape to a neighbor's house where she called the police."

For nine hours, authorities tried to persuade Bennett to talk to them but he refused. He remained barricaded inside his house even when police fired tear gas to flush him out.

"We finally sent a tactical team into the house and he fired shots at them," said Sgt. Brewer.

"Fortunately, no one was hit and the team finally got him to talk to them.

"After an hour and 15 minutes, we thought he was going to give himself up but then he didn't.

"He said I know the end of the world is here and shot himself."

The victim, who shot himself once in the temple with a .22-caliber semiautomatic pistol, was pronounced dead on the scene.

In the house, police found a .22-caliber rifle, two 22-caliber handguns and 5,000 rounds of ammunition.

Mrs. Bennett said she'd never seen her husband lose control like he did over the last two weeks, and hopes others don't let their fears get the best of them.

"When you start living what you're watching on the news, something is terribly wrong," she said.

"When all you see is this stuff, it can make you feel like there's nothing to live for."

Weirdo thought the U.S. was under nuclear attack, say cops

ICED TEE Cool-as-a-cucumber golfer John Warden sinks the winning putt at the Iced Tee Open tournament on frozen Lake Washington in Tulsa, N.Y. The event was played in 15-degree weather.

Virus turns egghead into a vegetable

A brilliant research scientist contracted dreaded rabies during an experiment — and was left with the mind of a 4-year-old.

A federal appeals court upheld an award of $8.4 million to Jerome Andrulonis, 47, who got rabies during an experiment near Albany, N.Y., in 1977.

He was conducting joint federal-state research to develop a technique for mass immunization of wildlife to eliminate transmission of rabies to humans.

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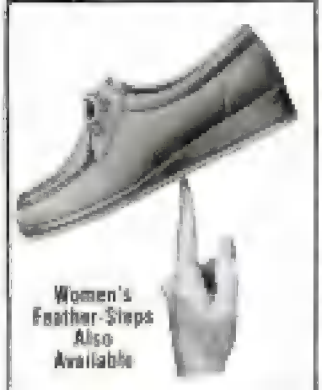

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PRO-IRAQ NEWSMEN OUGHTA BE TRIED FOR TREASON!

MY AMERICA
By ED ANGER

I'm madder than Edward R. Murrow in the London Blitz over these damn TV newscasters who've betrayed America and given aid and comfort to "Sodom" Hussein.

While our brave boys spill their blood to stop this Iraqi Hitler, boob tube Benedict Arnolds like CNN's Peter Arnett vomit up Sodom's propaganda films and pass them off as "news."

Let's face it. Hanoi Jane Fonda must have finally gotten to CNN kingpin and boyfriend Ted Turner for him to hire Sodom-lovers like Pete Arnett to get the news.

These blubbering, Americahating camera hounds like Bernie Shaw, Dan Rather, Bryant Gum-ball and this whining idiot Arnett ought to be treated just like any other deserters in the face of the enemy — thrown in the brig and brought to trial! Late, great newscasters like Ed Murrow must be cartwheeling in their graves to hear these Sodom-lovers tearing down America on the nightly news.

Murrow told it like it was, by gum. Hitler's Germans were krauts who deserved to die like dogs.

Sure, everybody thought that CNN's Bernie Shaw and this Arnett fruitcake were big heroes for being in Baghdad when we bombed the crap out of 'em.

Little did we know that these "heroes" were really slaves to Sodom Hussein's propaganda plot — Bernie refused to be debriefed by U.S. military intelligence, saying he was "neutral" in America's war against Iraqi evil. If Bernie is so damn neutral, why doesn't he move to Switzerland, for crying out loud!

America-bashers like Bernie and Peter, who spout the poisonous puke out of Baghdad like puppets on a string, are putty in Sodom's hands.

And I've got one last thing to say to these newsmen who want Sodom to win the war: AMERICA, LOVE IT — OR LEAVE IT AND JOIN THE IRAQI TV NETWORK!

HANOI JANE Fonda has turned tough Ted Turner into a left-wing pro-Iraq wimp!

TV crybabies have Ed seeing red!

TV WAR COVERAGE POLL

☐ YES. I agree with Ed Anger that CNN's Baghdad correspondents ought to be tried for treason for spouting Sodom Hussein's propaganda and burning our brave fighting men.

☐ NO. Liberal newscasters have every right to betray America and our brave boys over there by lining up solidly behind Sodom Hussein in their broadcasts.

Clip and mail to: Ed Anger's TV War Coverage Poll, c/o Weekly World News, 600 S. East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33462.

'There's a moose in my car!'

A shocked motorist got an up-close look at a moose when she struck it with her car and it landed in the front seat. Army Sgt. Marie Quarterman enlisted the aid of a state trooper near Salcha, Alaska. He had to shoot it.

Cover-up

Looking like an army of turtles, thousands of soccer fans huddle under their umbrellas during a storm in Rome, Italy.

Flower power

Nature lovers talked Canadian big shots into changing the route of a new highway — because of a patch of wildflowers.

The old route would have destroyed 18 of the world's rarest orchids near Edmonton, Alberta.

Jealousy rots your face

Jealousy can age you, agree experts who offer some hints on how to stay younger longer by dealing with the green-eyed monster.

"Jealousy creates hell on your face," declared psychologist Dr. Elayne Kahn. "The stress and tension it creates furrows your forehead and turns down your mouth. It can also lead to nervous gestures like pursing your lips or grinding your teeth, both of which give your mouth and jaw a hard look."

But "this can be reversed," noted psychiatrist Dr. Mark Rubinstein. Here are his suggestions:

● Build self-confidence by working for small achievements. If you become president of a civic organization and do a good job, don't be afraid to pat yourself on the back.

As your confidence grows, your jealousy is reduced.

● Work on looking better. Watch your weight. Physical attractiveness can increase self-confidence.

● Learn skills you can be proud of. Jealousy is insecurity, and if you develop your talents you'll feel more secure.

Praise from others can make you look more youthful as your eyes sparkle and you stand up straighter.

Dr. Kahn added these helpful hints:

● Scale down your goals. Accept the fact that no one has everything. You simply are not going to be rich, beautiful and perfectly happily married. Forget about what you see on TV — it really doesn't exist.

● Realize that others may be jealous of you. You might be so stuck on what you don't have that you forget others may envy what you do have.

● Speak out about your jealousies. Tell your husband you're a teeny bit jealous of all the time he spends with his secretary. He may laugh.

Or tell your friend you're a little jealous because life seems to have worked out so well for her. She may tell you things that show you how lucky you are.

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I Need Thee Every Hour — Scott Singers
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Mom raises family on junk food diet — & NOTHING else!

By BEATRICE DEXTER

Frannie McGinnis serves her family nothing but junk food — and they're healthy as horses!

The Minneapolis mother of two bans fruits and veggies from her table, giving her family only high-cal, low-nutrition foods like potato chips, cookies and candy bars. She swears it makes them healthier, smarter and more energetic than folks who eat supposedly healthful foods.

"I don't care what the experts say, I've seen the benefits of junk food with my own eyes," says the slender divorcee, 45, who proudly serves her kids bowls of M & Ms for breakfast.

"My son is a super athlete and my daughter Connie doesn't have zits anymore. Everybody asks me how I keep them so healthy. It's junk food, I tell them. Nothing but junk food."

The part-time secretary says she used to worry about preparing only "healthy" meals with a variety of foods from the four food groups. But while her family was eating low-fat meals of grains, dairy products, fruits, vegetables and meat, they were suffering from a host of horrible ailments.

"My 11-year-old son Frank had halitosis, dandruff, decaying teeth, constant colds, allergies and terrible gas attacks," Mrs. McGinnis recalls. "My daughter had digestive troubles, low energy, mood swings and terrible acne even though she was only 15. And I was tense all the time and had awful headaches."

Mrs. McGinnis says she was feeling so bad that she lost enthusiasm for cooking and began feeding her family jelly beans, cookies, Cheetos and other junk snacks.

Incredibly, her family's health problems vanished.

Within months, her kids were looking great, with shiny hair, clear skin and no sickness. Frank took up baseball and football. Connie won a Little Miss Teenager contest and her popularity with the guys soared.

"We had checkups and our family doctor told us everybody was in super health," Mrs. McGinnis says. "He wanted to know how we did it."

Mrs. McGinnis believes we've all been sold a bill of goods by the health food industry.

McGINNIS family pigs out on one of their typical junk food meals.

McGinnis menu

At the request of *The NEWS*, Mrs. McGinnis provided a typical day's menu for her family:

BREAKFAST:
Bowl of M & Ms or potato chips soda, Kool-Aid

LUNCH:
Peanuts, chips or french fries candy bars, Twinkies, cookies milkshake, soda or Kool-Aid

DINNER:
Heaping platter of jelly beans and Sour Balls
Side of Cheetos, Fritos or pretzels, Fast fried pork skins
soda, milkshakes, lemonade (extra sugar)
Dessert of fudge, Fudgsicles, cake

Dream cruise nightmare

A quiet vacation weekend turned into a horror story for family man Larry Key, who was taken to jail at gunpoint — when he was mistaken for an accused killer.

Key was surrounded by Canadian police when he stepped off a cruise ship in Victoria, B.C., with his wife and another couple.

Cops and the cruise line later apologized to Key.

Some passengers on the ship had told crew members he was Charles Cotliss, wanted in the murder of three women. The crew contacted police who were waiting when the ship docked.

Deadly sand trap

A factory worker died of asphyxiation and crushing injuries when he tumbled into a giant sand pile.

Shannon Alcock, 24, was buried in 200 tons of sand at an asphalt plant in Toronto, Canada. He was cleaning a silo when he accidentally fell in.

The fascinating truth about your DREAMS

Dreams. Chances are that you're fascinated by these experiences — and have dozens of questions about them.

Top dream researcher Dr. Stephen LaBerge has answered the questions he's often asked.

● Why do we dream?

"To help us deal with our emotional conflicts," he says.

● Do dreams foretell the future?

"My best guess is that dreams do foretell the future — but not the way most people think they do," he responds. "Dreams frequently call to awareness something that was overlooked awake. For example, you may dream of an impending illness — which later comes to pass. You were probably already experiencing the symptoms, but you ignored them."

● Why can't I remember my dreams?

"Chances are you're perfectly normal and healthy — and you have no strong reason for remembering them," says Dr. LaBerge.

● How can I make myself remember dreams?

"The key to remembering dreams is wanting to do so," Dr. LaBerge answers. "Each night, before dropping off to sleep, tell yourself: 'I will remember at least one dream.' Then, when you awake, jot down your recollections."

● Do animals dream?

"There's good evidence that animals do dream, just like humans. Almost every dog owner can report seeing his pet growl in his sleep — as though he were having a very vivid dream."

● What's the best way to get over a recurrent dream?

"You may have to change your life-style in some way," Dr. LaBerge answers. "For example, if you repeatedly dream of being late for a meeting, it could mean you have an overburdened schedule."

● Aren't most dreams related to sex in some way?

"That's a myth. Only about 10 percent of dreams which have been analyzed contain direct sexual references."

● How can I find out what my dreams mean?

"Conduct a 'dream interview' with yourself," the expert advises. "And ask yourself: 'What does that dream mean to me?' The meaning of all our dreams are buried in our subconscious."

— *REBECCA SPALDING*

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HARRIET Lasky proudly displays piece of bubble gum she's been chewing for a whopping 31 years!

By SCOTTY PAUL

Housewife Harriet Lasky put a wad of Bazooka bubble gum in her mouth when she was 7 years old — and she's been chewing that same piece of gum for 31 straight years.

"It's as tasty and chewy as the day I bought it. I plan to chew it till the day I die," she told a newspaper reporter.

Harriet bought the bubble gum "at a five and dime store for a penny on Jan. 12, 1960."

"I didn't plan on chewing this same gum forever. It just happened that way.

"Now I guess I'm just too old to change my ways," she said.

The 38-year-old mother of two was in the second grade when she bought a few school supplies and the package of gum. "Nobody could blow a bigger bubble than me," she said. As the years passed by preserving the wad of gum was as matter-of-fact as brushing her teeth. She carefully put it in a glass of fresh water at night on a table beside her bed.

"Once or twice through the years I spilled the glass, but it was easy to wash off my precious gum," she said.

Harriet said her bizarre obsession with the 31-year-old wad of gum is well known among her neighbors in Denver, Colo.

"Every time one of them drops by, I have to blow a bubble just to prove the gum hasn't lost its zip."

The gum chewing mom plans to contact the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

"It's gotta be a record," she says.

A spokesman for The Topps Company, Inc., makers of the bubble gum, was amazed someone has actually chewed the same wad for that length of time.

"That's certainly a first," said Topps public relations director Kenneth Liss. "If she has been chewing one piece for 31 years, it doesn't seem like she needs any more gum." Husband Frank chewed gum regularly until he got dentures five years ago.

"Her chewing doesn't bother me. She's kind of a hyper person and the gum has a calming effect," he said.

HARRIET keeps her beloved gum in a glass of fresh water between chewings.

Cambodia is full of rubies!

About 50,000 people a month risk dismemberment by land mines and death by malaria to dig for rubies in the guerrilla war zones of Cambodia.

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"Over this mountain a few days' walk, you just stick your hand in the ground and the dirt is filled with red jewels," a miner said as he waited to be tested for malaria.

— TOM ALLEN

Man bites killer croc

A crocodile latched onto Jose Escanell's hand but the quick-thinking farmer got free — by poking the critter's eyes and biting its tail!

Escanell said the crocodile grabbed his hand about 420 miles east of Havana.

"I shouted 'let go' but it didn't understand so I bit it on the tail and stuck my fingers in its eyes," said Escanell. "Then it let go."

Escanell was treated for a head and hand wound, the Cuban News Agency Prensa Latina said.

Bride must give back $9G ring!

If your wedding is called off for any reason, you have to return the engagement ring, says the Iowa Court of Appeals.

The court ordered a Des Moines woman to return a $9,000 ring after her wedding was canceled.

"If the wedding is called off, the gift is not capable of becoming a completed gift and must be returned to the donor," said the court.

Boy, 5, drowns when pet dog pulls sled into river!

Five-year-old David Lachance died tragically when he hitched a makeshift sled to his beloved dog Doudou — and the pooch pulled him into an ice-covered Canadian river.

dreuil, Quebec, say, but little David's body sank in the icy water.

Witnesses say the boy used a plastic

his family's golden retriever. The dog apparently spotted something on the opposite shore of the Ottawa River and headed across the frozen water, straight into a hole in the ice.

The boy's uncle jumped in to save him,

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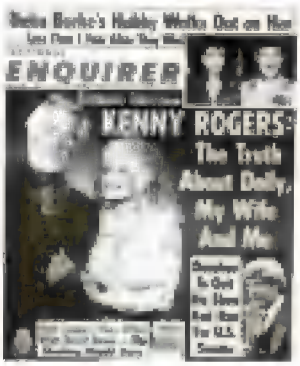

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Bed-hopping hubby has me bouncing off the walls

Dear Dotti: I'm fed up with my sex life! It's not that I don't get enough loving — my hubby goes along when I want sex and I go along when he wants it. But after we make love he always turns around and goes to bed with my best friend.

I try to please him but he obviously doesn't appreciate my efforts. I want to keep my husband, Dotti. What should I do? — Fed Up in Reno

Dear Fed Up: The way I see it you can do one of two things — give the cat your blessing or show him the door!

If a tree falls when no one's around . . .

Dear Dotti: If a tree falls when nobody's around to hear it, does it make any noise? I really want to know what you think. — Curious in Washington

Dear Curious: You eggheads can ponder that question till hell freezes over but I've got bigger fish to fry — and couldn't care less!

My nutty brother thinks he's Elvis!

Dear Dotti: My 48-year-old brother has always been a big Elvis Presley fan but now he's taken his obsession too far. For starters, he dyed his blond hair black and started singing and taking guitar lessons. Even worse, he blew his savings on a broken-down '54 Cadillac and spray-painted the whole thing pink.

Does my brother need professional help? — Worried in Asheville

Dear Worried: Your brother isn't doing anything that 50,000 Elvis impersonators and The King himself haven't done before him.

To answer your question, get off his back — he sounds perfectly normal to me!

How should I ask boss for a raise?

Dear Dotti: I desperately want and need a raise but don't know how to ask my boss for more dough. Give me some advice, Dotti. Tell me how to approach my boss and get the bucks I need. — Struggling in Grand Rapids

Dear Struggling: You say you want and need a raise but the question is do you DESERVE one? If you do, march into the boss' office and tell him why. If you don't, catch him by the water cooler and lie!

That pinhead must be blind and dumb

Dear Dotti: I got mad enough to spit after reading that letter you got from C.L. in Birmingham a few weeks back. The idiot said he had heard a rumor that you're really a man and wanted to know the truth. As a merchant seaman, I've certainly learned to tell the real babes from the fakes. And I can tell by the way you say the things you do that you're 100 percent woman — guaranteed! — Stan in Rome

Dear Stan: Thanks for the letter. I couldn't have said it better myself!

Is 2 Live Crew funny or filthy?

Dear Dotti: What do you think about that dirty-mouth rap group 2 Live Crew? I think their music is obscene but all my friends think it's funny. I really would appreciate your opinion. — Wondering in Indiana

Dear Wondering: Your so-called pals are pinheads. The members of 2 Live Crew are filthy-minded morons with single-digit IQs!

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Confidential

Dear Humiliated in Cedar Rapids: That's what you get for putting your wife's false eyelashes on with superglue!

Dear Flattered Fatty in Shady Grove: If somebody called me a "ton of fun," I'd punch his lights out!

Dear Curious in Fishland: You asked for my opinion so I'll give it to you — your husband's paintings stink!

Dear Peeved in Petersburg: Your boss is an ignorant blockhead and you can tell him I said so!

Dear Concerned Dad in Wyola: I don't care what your wife says — a boy has no business dressing like Liberace!

Dear Stuck in Corner: If you hate the town so much, why don't you hoist your lazy butt off the couch and leave!

Ask the Countess

Did a nasty voodoo hag ruin my life?

Dear Countess: A few years ago I heard a knock at my door. When I opened it a woman with long, black hair snapped a picture of me with her camera and started cackling like a witch. When I asked her what was going on she said: "I'm going to stick pins in every inch of your picture — you will live in agony forever!"

I thought somebody was playing a practical joke but that evil woman was speaking the truth. Since that time my husband and two children have died. I lost my job. I was diagnosed as having cancer. And now I'm in danger of losing my house because I can't keep up with the payments.

Please! I don't know how much longer I can hold on. — Dying in Detroit

Dear Dying: The voodoo priestess who snapped your picture died last week so it was a simple matter for me to shamble of your life. Things will change for the better immediately. Your doctor will actually tell you that the cancer you had has vanished when you visit him later this week!

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Dear Countess: A friend of mine and big fan of yours said she read somewhere that you can fly.

Can you really fly or is that like the time you said you were going to jump off the Empire State Building and you didn't? — Skeptical in Seattle

Dear Skeptical: I can do a lot of things with the power of my mind but flying isn't one of them. In that respect I'm just like everyone else — the only time I get off the ground is when I get on a plane!

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Dear Countess: Please tell me before I go insane! My 17-year-old son ran away from home last week and I don't have any idea where he is. Is he okay? Is he coming back home?

Why did he run away? — Frantic in Oregon

Dear Frantic: I hate to be the bearer of bad news but your son shot a man to death and is running from the law. He will be caught and arrested within five days. Please be strong, dear. He's also going to prison.

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No Wheels in Cedar Key: A prankster pulled your coil wire. Clip it back on and drive away!

Wheezing in Chandler: You recently developed an allergy to beer. Lay off the suds and like to know. — Wondering in San Antonio

Dear Wondering: I can do a lot of things with the power of my mind but flying isn't one of them. In that respect I'm just like everyone else — the only time I get off the ground is when I get on a plane!

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Bizarre aftermath to transplant operation

Man's new liver won't stop growing

— & will fill up his whole body if it doesn't stop soon, warn docs

BOMBAY, India — An ailing tea merchant thought a liver transplant would save his life but his new donor organ is growing bigger by the hour — and will fill up his entire body within a month if doctors can't make it stop!

the transplant when doctors discovered that the new liver was expanding.

"I can't believe this is happening to me," the 45-year-old man told the medical journal, *Asian Medicine*. "I feel like my insides are alive, like worms are squirming through my body. I can't fit into any of my clothes because the liver is cutting off my circulation and is backing up in my veins."

A normal liver weighs between 3 to 4 pounds but doctors estimate Singh's new liver to weigh almost 12 pounds.

Dr. Albert Nanayakarra said the transplanted liver may be feeding off the anti-rejection drug Singh has been taking.

"It's remarkable that this drug would trigger such a reaction. The liver seems to be thriving on it," said Dr. Nanayakarra.

Singh added: "This transplant was to be my lifesaver, my new beginning, but if doctors don't stop this runaway liver I am doomed."

Doctors are frantically trying to find a way to stop it but don't know if they can.

Another transplant is out of the question because in India, organ donors are almost impossible to find.

"With just a few weeks left, I'm in God's hands now," said Singh.

— JO-ANN SCOTT

DOG STEALS CAR!

By ANN HUGHEY

Accountant Arnold Brown had a good excuse for being late to work — his car was hijacked by a ferocious German shepherd!

The bizarre incident occurred when the Albany, N.Y., man pulled over to the side of the road to check one of his tires. As he was examining his right rear tire, the cantankerous cur hopped into his car and refused to budge.

"He wouldn't move an inch," Brown recalled. "And then when I tried to get in next to him, he started snarling and barking at me. If I'd gotten inside he would have bit me."

The hapless motorist ended up having to trudge two miles to the nearest phone to call for help. But the cops didn't have any luck getting the hijacking mutt to move either. They finally called a veterinarian, who tranquilized the cranky

Gal go — AND

By MICKEY

The skeleton of a woman wh 1974 was found in a woods where s her hand got trapped in a tree

The bleached bones of 22-year-old Irma Dietz were found by hikers in a woods less than 10 miles from the church in Esternberg, Austria, where she was to have been married more than 16 years ago.

"The skeleton was complete

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NEVER GOT IT OUT!

Irma Dietz

Bride's skeleton finally found 16 years after she vanished!

THIS incredible photograph of Irma Dietz' bleached skeleton was taken shortly after the remains were discovered — with the dead bride's skeletal hand still wedged in a tree.

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band-to-be had rented for their honeymoon. He said it is only a 20-minute drive to the church.

"She never reached the church," Constable Hermann said. "Her car was found abandoned in another woods about 75 miles in the opposite direction. Because of that, the search for her was centered in that area.

"About a month later, her sweet-

note saying he didn't want to live without her.

"Until then, we had suspected that he had murdered the woman and buried her body in the area where we had found her car. Now we know that wasn't the case."

Constable Hermann said there are no marks or other evidence to indicate the woman died at the hands of an attacker.

"At this point, we can only theorize that someone — she was known to give rides to hitchhikers — forced her to drive into the woods, put her out of the car and then drove away, leaving her alone.

"We believe she must have wan-

perate for food, she began eating bugs and worms she found in rotted trees.

"On one of her bug hunts, she stuck her hand into a hole in a tree and couldn't pull it out. The tree trunk rotted away over the years, but from the position of the hand bones, that's the best solution we can come up with.

"Unable to free her hand, that's where she died. And that's where she was found — what was left of her — over 16 years later."

Man videotaped ex-wife's luv romps

Peeping Tom hubby William McHarg has been ordered to stand trial — on charges he hid a video camera in the attic above his estranged wife's bedroom!

. . . say cops!

According to the prosecution, who described the Romeo, Mich.,

video company owner was trying to get evidence for a divorce suit filed by his wife, Carol Holmes.

McHarg, 47, had denied install-

WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Quick-thinking Linda Westover woke up on a cold Des Moines, Iowa, morning and figured out a way to walk her friend Gene, Benni, without freezing to death. She's driving and her big fellow is out heelin' it!

Bullet steered the wrong way

Slaughterhouse worker Don McFarland was wounded when a fellow worker shot at a runaway bull — and the bullet ricocheted off the steer's head into his arm!

The steer broke out of a holding chute at Washington Beef company in Yakima, Wash., and an employee fired a 22-caliber rifle at it. McFarland was hit in the right arm by bullet fragments, according to company spokesman Ron Hankel. A second shot was fired, killing the bull.

Hankel said runaway steers won't be shot at in the future because "it's just too dangerous."

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WEIRDO Daniel Rakowitz' description of the ghoulish murder of his girlfriend made jurors gag and cover their mouths.

Madman tells shocked jury:

I chopped my gal into little pieces

. . . and then put 'em in pet litter so they wouldn't stink!

An accused killer told a shocked jury he washed the chopped up body parts of his go-go dancer girlfriend with deodorant and put them in pet box litter so they wouldn't stink.

By JACK ALEXANDER

Jurors gagged and covered their mouths in disgust as bearded weirdo Daniel Rakowitz nonchalantly told them how he cleaned the remains of gal pal Monika Beerle.

"The body parts started to smell so I washed them," he told prosecutor Maurice Mathis. "I put them in plastic bags and dumped them in the sink."

The Charles Manson look-alike is charged with the ghoulish slaughter of Miss Beerle, 26, whose boiled skull and bones were discovered in a New York City rental locker.

The horrifying murder came to light when a friend of the victim came to the apartment she shared with Rakowitz and asked where she was.

Rakowitz pulled Miss Beerle's severed head out of a pot on the stove and held it up for him to see, cops said. At his murder trial in New York City, the scary suspect said he used dishwashing liquid and pet box litter to clean the body parts so they wouldn't smell and be overrun with parasites.

Despite previous confessions, Rakowitz, 29, now claims he didn't kill the Swiss-born dancer who performed at several midtown topless bars.

He blamed her brutal death on rival drug dealers, who were mad because he undercut their prices. He admitted he might have defecated on her doorstep if she had kicked him out of their apartment.

Rakowitz' hatred for prosecutor Mathis is more than obvious at the trial. "I would like to wreck your body totally. I would like to break your nose," he said.

He promised the prosecutor he would "get a machine gun water pistol with urine, let it stagnate and spray it all over your face."

MURDER victim Monika Beerle, 26, was a go-go dancer.

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Within 30 years humans will have the ability to become immortal.

That is the promise held out by research scientists who say people will soon be able to trade in their bodies and brains for powerful robots controlled by super computers.

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"It can happen within 30 years," said Dr. Hans Moravec, a research scientist.

"Your mind — the essential you — will be able to live forever.

"You will not only be able to think faster and better but you will be constantly creating new ideas and concepts which will make the society of the future a real utopia.

"In your shiny new robot body, you will explore the universe.

"The result will be a super civilization spreading throughout the universe. It will be mankind's new, never-ending golden age."

Increasingly smarter computers are being developed and Dr. Moravec foresees the day when super-intelligent computers will surpass the human brain.

It will then be possible to transfer the human mind into a computer — the intelligence, memories, emotions, the whole personality. "In the final step your old body will be disconnected, the computer will be installed in a shiny new, practically invulnerable body and your change is complete," said Dr. Moravec.

The new you can then be constantly modified and improved, tapping into new sources of knowledge and skills.

"You will have access to the knowledge and memories of hundreds of scientists and thus will be able to create a brain — your brain — that is more brilliant than Einstein's," said Dr. Moravec.

When human personalities can be encoded into computers, they can also be copied onto some future equivalent of magnetic tape and be updated as necessary.

"If the robot you inhabit is clobbered fatally, the tape can be read into a bank computer, resulting in another you," Dr. Moravec said.

Dr. Thomas Easton, a neurobiologist, agreed, saying: "This would be a practical method of achieving immortality."

Millions of women are afraid to think about money, says expert

Millions of women are victims of "money blindness" — they're intensely afraid of money, says a psychiatrist.

"Their fear of money causes them to avoid serious thought about it," declared Dr. George Serban.

"They spend what they want, without really keeping track of where their money goes," said the New York City expert on human behavior. "They have a general idea of what their husbands earn, but couldn't name the exact figure.

"They may have a dozen credit cards, but aren't sure of how much they've charged on each or what their credit limit is.

"And their monthly bills are always a shock because they conveniently 'forget' about all the purchases they made during the month.

"Money-blind women tend to spend easily, on themselves as well as for family members. And they're generous, usually buying expensive gifts.

"But when it comes to serious thought on the subject, such as where to invest money for the best return, these women refuse to think about it.

"Some even take pride in their lack of financial awareness, saying, 'Other things are more important than money.'"

The problem often begins in school, Dr. Serban said. "Girls are not expected to be as good at math as boys are. And many girls develop a true 'math anxiety' which makes them fearful and tense when they try to solve a math problem. By the time they're adults, money-blind women begin to avoid dealing with numbers as much as possible.

"Also, many women grew up in households where their fathers took care of all the expenses and doled out the cash. These women still believe deep down that the man, not the woman, is supposed to understand finances."

Yet all women should have a handle on their personal finances, he said.

"Women should have a definite idea of their salary goals, especially if they expect to work for most of their adult years.

"And if they depend on their husband's income, they should know exactly what he earns and what his potential future earnings are.

"In addition to that, every woman should have a reasonable plan for spending and saving — and stick to it."

— RICHARD TAYLOR

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Kangaroo cleanup

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Bachelor bash tragedy

Party prank victim wins $1.6 million

. . . after losing use of his arms!

STAG PARTY PRANKSTERS shackled Brad Harrison's legs to a ball and chain. The jokes will cost them big bucks.

By JACK ALEXANDER

A would-be groom was awarded $1.6 million from three friends who shackled his legs to a ball and chain at his stag party — causing him to stumble through a store window.

Brad Harrison, 30, lost most of the use of both arms when he crashed through the plate glass window in 1988 and hasn't been able to make much of a living since.

The tragic accident occurred when Harrison's three best friends wanted to keep partying and Harrison wanted to go home, his lawyer, John Laxton, told the judge in Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

Harrison ran down the street but stumbled because of the ball and chain and crashed through the window. His injuries caused the wedding to be canceled and left him almost unemployable.

"The tragic consequences of this encounter will probably never be adequately measured," said Justice Ronald McKinnon in finding Glenn Biggs, Rene Can and Norman Collier liable for the $1.6 million in damages. Harrison's former buddies argued that he had deliberately tossed the ball and chain through the 11-foot window.

"I do not accept the defendants' version and, while Mr. Harrison does not have a precise recollection of what happened just after the party, I prefer his evidence wherever there is any conflict," said Justice McKinnon.

His ex-friends contended Harrison's work record jeopardized his pulp mill job, and even had his ex-fiancee testify that their marriage was doomed to fail.

But the judge didn't buy it.

"It would be speculation of the highest order to predict a marriage failure," he said. "I am satisfied the plaintiff would have returned to his job and worked until retirement at age 65."

Harrison said the judge's decision is like a weight has been lifted off his back. "I can't explain how happy I am," he said.

Crooks super-glue victims to floor

Five restaurant employees really were stuck on their job after sneaky thieves robbed them of a whopping $8,000 and then super-glued their hands to the floor!

"One fellow didn't stick too well so they locked him in a freezer," said Inspector Lars Telliksen. "Luckily, one of the waitresses pried herself loose and called for help."

Authorities in Groteborg, Sweden, said the gun-toting bandits entered Duunig's Restaurant through a back door and surprised the employees as they were closing up for the night. Fortunately, rescue workers were able to free the three work-

Two kidneys too many!

A South African housewife had severe stomachaches all her life until doctors finally found out why — she has two extra kidneys.

Alletta Pretorius, 35, had been told for 28 years she had a normal kidney infection. Now she drinks 20 glasses of water a day to keep all four kidneys happily floating and pumping out impurities.

— ALBERT D'ARBANT

How to argue with your mate

. . . so you BOTH win!

By MARTHA ATKINS

Couples don't have to go through life fighting like cats and dogs. By following these easy steps from an expert you can learn to argue with your mate so you both come out winners.

● Don't try to carry on a conversation when either of you is angry.

It's hard to think clearly when you're mad, said Dr. Efrain Puig, a clinical psychologist who specializes in marriage problems.

"You tend to react by striking out without thinking, and take offense where none was intended. The idea is to calm down first. Only then can both partners discuss things rationally."

● Speak only when it's your turn and don't interrupt.

"There's nothing worse than interrupting another person when that person is trying to make a point," said the expert. "So let your mate finish making his or her point. Then, you can try to make yours."

● Carefully think over any accusations before you make them.

It's a waste of time to hurl general accusations like "You always do this" or "You never do that," said Dr. Puig.

"If you're going to make accusations, be specific. That way, they can be discussed and, hopefully, corrected."

● Tell your mate how you feel.

It's much easier to solve problems if your partner knows how you feel, said the psychologist.

● Avoid counterattacking if your partner makes accusations.

"All it does is perpetuate the vicious cycle," said Dr. Puig. "The conversation becomes one long series of accusations and rebuttals."

● Keep your sense of humor.

"Humor can help ease built-up tensions," said Dr. Puig. "Of course, you also have to know when not to joke — as it can become a way of hiding your true feelings."

● Don't try to change your partner.

"You have to learn to accept the other person for what he or she is," said the expert. "If you can't do that your relationship is destined for failure."

● Open up to your mate.

Don't hide your true feelings and real self from your partner.

"A relationship requires total honesty," said Dr. Puig.

Mystery worker

Washington State is keeping the identity, background and salary of one of its newest employees a deep, dark secret. Why? — because he's the new hangman!

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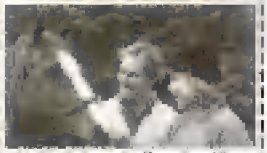

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A lady vampire stalked an unsuspecting victim, slit his throat and drank his blood like a shark in a feeding frenzy.

Bloodsucking Tracey Wigginton has already been sentenced to life in prison for the brutal murder 18 months ago of Edward Baldock in Brisbane, Australia.

Three other lesbians who are on trial in the man's murder testified Miss Wigginton, 25, planned the random killing of Baldock, 47, to "scare the hell out of them."

"Tracey Wigginton survived on blood she got from butcher shops," said prosecutor Adrian Gunderlach. "Her friends would even slit their own arms so Miss Wigginton could drink their blood."

She avoided sunlight and mirrors at all cost and kept little bats as pets.

The three friends of the bloodsucking [illegible] Baldock, who was stabbed 15 times and had his head almost hacked off.

Pleading innocent to murder charges are Kim Jervis, 24, Tracey Waugh, 24, and Lisa Ptaschinski, 25. The four women planned the vampire killing for blood while drinking champagne at a nightclub, the court was told.

The four women stalked Baldock for a while as he walked along a street before offering him a ride, prosecutor Gunderlach said.

They drove to a park and Miss Wigginton walked with the unsuspecting victim to a riverbank, according to testimony.

When Miss Wigginton returned to the car, she was asked if she'd been fed, and she replied, "yes."

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Bed-hopping Diana Hayes tried to poison her husband by spiking the crust in his favorite pie, but it tasted so bad he couldn't eat it.

By JACK ALEXANDER

The banging wife wanted hubby John out of the way so she could live with her lover, collect John's life insurance, and keep the family house and dog.

To carry out her grisly murder plot, she crushed 60 paracetamol tablets in the crust she made for an apple pie. John, 60, had a weak heart and Diana, 46, thought the poison would bring on a heart attack.

But the overanxious wife made the mistake of asking John how he felt two many times the next day and he got suspicious.

The wily old guy searched her handbag and found a letter written to her secret lover, which said, "This is not going according to plan. He has eaten only half the pie."

Diane was jailed for three years after pleading guilty to an attempted murder charge in Warrington, England.

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8-year-old boy is jailed in gang-rape!

Two of nine boys ages 8 to 13 accused in the gang-rape of a teenage girl were street-wise enough to cover their faces from a photographer as they were taken to a hearing.

The youngsters broke into the Lake Worth, Fla., home of an elementary school classmate, ripped her clothes off and had their way with her, cops said.

"Some of the boys took turns assaulting her while others held her down," said a police detective.

The smallest suspect was an 8-year-old barely 4 feet tall. Jail clothes were way too large on him and the pants had to be rolled up four times at the cuffs.

Police said the 13-year-old victim was home alone when a rock was thrown through a window of the house. One boy climbed through the window, unlocked the door and let the others in.

The 8-year-old was one of four suspects released to their mothers after the hearing. They must either be in school or in their house and can't go outside to play.

Some mothers said their sons are too young to be having sex.

"But you know it's happening," said one mother. "He's too young, but I've told him about the responsibility that goes with it.

"I was on my way to buy him a box of condoms when I heard about this."

— JACK ALEXANDER

STREET-WISE suspects from recent gang-rape show how smart they already are by covering their faces from photographers' cameras.

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Man turns artificial limb into gun – & robs banks

ARMED and dangerous! Cutaway diagram reveals inner mechanism of France Carbone's artificial handgun.

Incredible gizmo took 6 months to build!

By RICK TRACY

A wounded war vet turned his artificial left arm into an ingenious automatic weapon and robbed three banks of $60,000 before the gun misfired and almost blew his toe off.

"He literally turned himself into a one-armed bandit capable of killing quite a few people in a matter of seconds," said Police Inspector Pasquale Bonifina.

Fortunately, World War 2 veteran Franco Carbone never had to use his deadly artificial arm which actually was a revolver capable of firing 21 bullets without reloading.

Carbone, 64, lost his arm in the war but managed to make a living as a machinist in Forli, Italy, until the last year or so.

"Apparently his business had fallen on hard times and he decided to try a new line of business — bank robberies — to finance his monthly visits to the crap table in Monte Carlo," Inspector Bonifina said.

"Carbone's hand looked like a normal artificial limb until he raised it up, then his forefinger actually became the barrel of a revolver. Instead of a trigger, all he had to do was press a button and the pistol would fire like a machine gun," said the inspector.

Carbone spent almost six months fashioning his secret weapon before he strolled into a bank in Bologna and pointed it at a terrified teller who handed the man $15,000.

Three hours later the coal-headed crook stuck his armed hand in the face of a bank teller in nearby Ferrara, Italy, and escaped with $20,000.

France Carbone

Early the next day, Carbone struck again at a small bank outside Ravenna, escaping with $25,000.

The greedy gunman ended his own bank robbing career when he accidentally shot himself in the toe at a busy intersection en route to a bank in Forli. He lost control of his car and it rammed a pole. Carbone was treated at a hospital emergency room and arrested.

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By LAUREL BOWIE

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Within months, smiling Amy had taught her beady-eyed buddy to sit up and beg and to come crawling when she calls his name.

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ADORING Amy Low holds her pet snail. "I named him Clydesdale because he's as big as a horse," she said.

Raped — for a bad report card!

Evil dad assaulted daughter, 8, because she got bad grades

By JACK ALEXANDER
Staff writer

A terrified 8-year-old girl was raped repeatedly for more than a year by her father — because she brought home a bad report card.

"The poor little thing had to make a 'C' or better in every subject or he would sexually assault her," Assistant State Attorney Anthony Berry told *The NEWS*. The sex-crazed dad spelled out his sexual acts in graphic detail in letters seized by authorities, according to Berry.

"In one note he threatened to rape her 400 times for a single bad report card," Berry said.

The tot's mother knew about the sexual abuse but didn't tell anyone except her lawyer when she decided to divorce her 34-year-old husband.

Authorities wouldn't release the father's name to protect the identity of the daughter.

The dad, who is in the Navy and stationed with the Navy in Jacksonville, Fla., was arrested.

"She later dropped the divorce suit and is standing by her husband," Berry said.

"She's going to have a long wait for him to get out of prison." Judge Peter Dearing sentenced the father to 25 years in prison followed by 10 years probation. Prosecutors agreed to a plea bargain so that the youngster wouldn't have to testify. She's now in a foster home.

Mountain lion kills Colorado jogger

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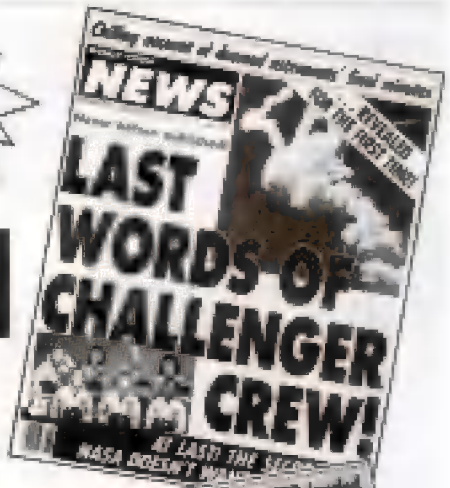

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By MARTHA ATKINS
Staff writer

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3. Classical Music: His best-known concertos are called *The Four Seasons*.

4. Congress: From Dutch for "free booter," it's a delaying tactic first used in the 19th century.

5. Number, Please: Total zeros in one quadrillion.

6. Anatomy: The integumentary system consists of the hair, nails and this.

7. Colors: The number of spectral colors in a rainbow.

8. Languages: This country's four official languages are Italian, German, French and Romansh.

9. Double Double Letters: A cuspidor.

10. Astronomy: First seen in 1973, this comet will be seen again in 75,000 years.

11. Famous Americans: Technically, this lawyer lost the 1925 Scopes "Monkey" trial.

12. Animals: North America's most common species of pigeon, it was named for its sad cooing notes.

13. Sculpture: This broken statue was found on, and partially named for, the island of Melos.

14. Poetry: A Japanese poem of 17 syllables.

15. Opera: *Carmen* is set in this city in Spain.

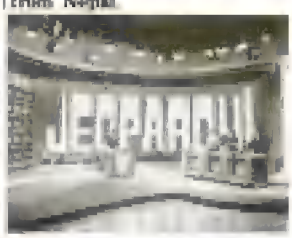
16. Mathematics: An angle exceeding 90 degrees but less than 180.

17. The Bible: King Solomon's mother.

18. Food: This fruit is also called an alligator pear.

19. Herbs and Spices: Also called "deadly nightshade," its name is Italian for "fair lady."

20. Starts With G: In the British army, it's a soldier from Nepal.



In 20 seasons on TV, *Jeopardy!* has given its contestants almost 300,000 answers.

Turn to page 39 for answers

HOST Alex Trebek says participation on a regular *Jeopardy!* show is open to anyone 18 years or older who passes the contestant screening exam and interview.

Sitter kills baby who wouldn't kiss her!

Brutal baby-sitter Tracey Newell bashed a screaming, 16-month-old girl against the floor of her home, crushing her skull and killing her — because the blue-eyed baby refused to kiss her!

"It's just heartbreaking because it's all so senseless," said shocked prosecutor Anthony Scott-Gill.

"The idea of asking a child to kiss you and then killing her because she won't do it — it's so terrifying it's beyond comprehension."

Terrible Tracey, 28, admitted she "scrunched in" little Selina Peters' face with her hand, then banged the helpless baby's head on the floor time after time in a fit of rage. She was sentenced to three years in prison for manslaughter.

"I just wanted a simple kiss from her and she wouldn't give it to me," the sicko sitter told police. "Even when I kissed her, she wouldn't kiss me back.

"I got so frustrated I didn't know what to do. I just wanted to get some kind of reaction from her.

"I picked her up and started hitting her on the floor until she went limp. Then I put her in bed and called her mother."

The beastly Burnham, England, woman told Selina's mother Zane the baby hurt herself climbing stairs, but she broke down and admitted her evil deed under questioning by police.

An autopsy showed little Selina's skull was broken in three places.

— JOE ARGOSY

Disastrous midnight strolls were wrecking their lives!

Sleepwalking couple handcuff themselves to bed

Sally and Ronald Geltz have come up with a bizarre way to control their sleepwalking — every night they handcuff themselves to their bed and then exchange keys!

The Denver, Colo., couple, who have been sleepwalking since they were children, say they've tried everything in the book to curb their nighttime jaunts but to no avail.

As a last ditch effort, the wandering twosome hit on the idea of handcuffing themselves to their bed, and so far it's worked like a charm.

"We've tried everything," said Sally, 34. "Over the years we've spent thousands and thousands of dollars going to hypnotists, sleep therapists and psychiatrists but nothing worked, not even medication.

"We had to do something because the sleepwalking was wrecking our lives. I was afraid one of us was going to come to serious harm."

The following are just a few of the bizarre incidents that occurred during the Geltzes' many nighttime wanderings:

- They've both fallen down the stairs of their house. And on two separate occasions, Sally suffered broken bones. Once she fractured her arm and another time she broke her leg in two places.
- Late one night after Ron wandered outside and got locked out, he was arrested by the police for trying to break into his own house. They thought he was a burglar.
- Another time neighbors called the cops after they spotted him watering his lawn — in the nude.
- Once Sally went out into the garage, started up their car and took off, right through the closed garage door.
- Another time when Sally went into the kitchen and started frying bacon for a midnight snack, she started a grease fire and almost burned the house down. Her hastily awakened hubby had to douse the flames.
- But the worst case was when Ron wandered outside into the street and almost got flattened by a garbage truck.

"When a friend jokingly suggested we handcuff ourselves to the bed we all laughed, but the more we thought about it the more sense it made," said Ron, 36.

So that's what the couple does. Every night before they turn out the light they handcuff themselves to the headboard and then give their key to their mate.

"It's really worked out great," said Sally.

— ANN HUGHEY

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Little girl in tears over bureaucratic goof!

6-year-old cutie-pie's birth certificate says she's a boy

Now they won't let her in the beauty contest

By JACK ALEXANDER

A 6-year-old cutie-pie has been barred from beauty pageants and baton twirling contests — because her birth certificate says she's a boy.

News that someone erroneously typed "male" on Dominique Crocitto's birth certificate when she was born at a San Diego, Calif., hospital came as a shock to the little girl and her parents.

The talented first grader has won 47 beauty and modeling trophies in and around her home in Grand Island, N.Y., and around the state.

"She's been in so many beauty pageants and nobody's caught the error," said her mom, Sue.

Dominique was supposed to compete in a marching and twirling contest soon, but has been disqualified until the mistake is cleared up.

A few days before a Grand Island twirling studio found the birth certificate error, Dominique had won three of seven trophies awarded at the Holiday Pageants of Niagara Falls.

The faulty birth certificate is signed by three different doctors so changing it to say "female" may not be easy.

"I'm going to see what I have to do to get this changed," her father said. "I'm probably going to have to go to court." The frustrated parents admit Dominique is a name also used by males, but they point to their daughter's middle name, Candace, which they say is obviously very feminine.

Unfortunately, Dominique's baptism certificate doesn't designate sex and they can't find any other document that says she's a female.

"I'm glad we caught the error now," her mother said. "What if we had waited until she was older? With all the sex changes, how would they know

DOMINIQUE, 6, wipes a tear as her mom Sue Crocitto holds the birth certificate that labels Dominique a boy.

Spider man freed

A man accused of threatening to kill his girlfriend has been released on bail from a jail in Cheltenham, England, so he

Docs' pressure goes up when income goes down

Here is a bit of good and bad news about doctors.

The bad news is their blood pressure goes up when their income goes down. The good news is that it doesn't happen very often. There is a direct link between a drop in doctors' incomes and a rise in their blood pressure, says economist Robert Swank of Baltimore.

Dr. Swank's study revealed for each one percent drop in income, the number of doctors with elevated blood pressure rose 2.5 percent the next year.

"But there are not many decreases in income among physicians, so their hypertension is fairly low," the doctor said.

Answers to JEOPARDY! quiz

(Text on page 37)

1. Rangoon, 2. Tiffania, 3. Antonio Vivaldi, 4. Filibuster, 5. Fifteen, 6. Skin, 7. Seven, 8. Switzerland, 9. Spittoon, 10. Kahoutek, 11. Cleopatra, Queen, 12. Mourning dove, 13. Venus de Milo, 14. Hades, 15. Seville, 16. Obtuse, 17. Bathsheba, 18. Avocado, 19. Belladonna, 20.

METAL BALLS ARE FALLING FROM THE SKY

By BEATRICE DEXTER

Mysterious metallic spheres from outer space are raining down on our planet and baffled scientists from around the world say they are at a loss to explain the frightening phenomenon.

The shiny, 24-pound space balls have landed in backyards and farm fields from Argentina to Sweden over the past six-month period, experts say. They are made of a strange brilliant metal-like substance and have been observed to move on their own.

To date, 122 of the spheres have been found worldwide, but scientists believe many more may be yet undiscovered. Attempts to crack open the dense metal-like balls or to X-ray them to see what's inside have failed because of the unique qualities of the spheres' outer shells.

"We have no idea where these things come from or why all of a sudden they are streaming in from outer space," said Dr. Tord Jorberg, head of Sweden's Space and Atmospheric Institute. "They continue to arrive almost daily now and their numbers appear to be increasing."

To date only one of the space balls has landed in the United States, where it wound up in a vegetable garden belonging to Gerri Betz of Midland, Tex. She and her son Terry found the sphere and brought it into their home, where they saw it roll about on its own. Frightened, they reported the find to authorities.

Other spheres have been found in China, Great Britain, Sweden, Kenya, Portugal, Indonesia, the Soviet Union, South Africa, Afghanistan, Canada and Denmark, Dr. Jorberg says.

"The spheres fall mainly in the northern hemisphere and seem to arrive after dark," the scientist said. "We believe that many of them may not be discovered because they land while people are sleeping.

"We have observed that the spheres move and that if they are in the same area they will tend to roll toward each other. Twice now we have found 'nests' of the spheres where up to a half dozen had gathered together."

In a special meeting on the strange spheres held last month at the Space and Atmospheric Institute, a number of scientists expressed concern that the spheres may be alien spacecraft that contain an unknown — and potentially dangerous — life-form. They argue that the spheres should be destroyed, before some unknown danger to Earth arises out of them.

But other experts argue that the spheres may be a form of communication from a friendly planet or simply a fall of rare and unusual meteorites.

"Several nations have mounted extensive studies on the spheres because there is some concern about them," Dr. Jorberg said. "And we are urging anyone who finds the spheres to contact us."

NEWS readers who find heavy metal spheres from 6 to 9 inches in diameter which match the description of the space balls are urged to write this newspaper. We will forward the information to Dr. Jorberg.

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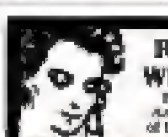

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What put that smile on Mona Lisa's face?

ARTIST Leonardo da Vinci who painted the Mona Lisa.

S-E-X! She was a 16th century hooker!

By MARTHA ATKINS

The shocking secret behind the Mona Lisa's serenely satisfied smile was sex! Incredibly, the model for the world's most famous painting was a highly paid prostitute who even slept with the Pope's brother!

Italian professor Carlo Vecce uncovered the scandalous secret while trying to track down the identity of the real Mona Lisa. After wading through piles of letters and diaries belonging to artist Leonardo da Vinci, Dr. Vecce's research finally paid off.

He discovered a note from one of the famous artist's pupils naming the model as Isabella Gualandi, who was born in Naples in 1481. The lovely Isabella not only took the Vatican by storm but she also carried on an affair with Giuliano de Medici, brother of Pope Leo X. The highly respected Naples University professor claims Giuliano gave da Vinci a studio in the Vatican.

He then invited the artist to paint his mistress. The priceless painting now hangs behind bulletproof glass in the Louvre in Paris.

MODEL for the famed painting was Isabella Gualandi from Naples, Italy, who was a highly paid prostitute and had an affair with the brother of Pope Leo X.

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Have you been born again? Have you ever truly received Jesus Christ as your Saviour? Going to church, being baptized, and living a good life are all good things, but only accepting Jesus will get you to Heaven.

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FOR WEEK OF Mon., Mar. 25-Sun., Mar. 31

By Countess Sophia Sabak

ARIES
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

With any kind of luck, you should be at the center of things this week.

Your shining smile should warm hearts. Use your charm wisely, or you could cause trouble you didn't mean to since everyone should do what you desire.

Partnerships are always important to you. Now, since things should be going so well, is the time to make some decisions together.

Loved ones need you.

Run a mile if anyone tries to pick a quarrel with you this week.

TAURUS
Apr. 20-May 20

A setback should turn out to be a blessing in disguise this week, so don't brood about it.

You should be delighted at how well a difficult situation turns itself around.

Someone could well be dreaming of a love affair with you — but flattering as this may seem at the moment, this little fantasy could hold more trouble for you than you may want to handle.

Be cool, calm and collected in matters of the heart now.

GEMINI
May 21-June 20

Good luck is with you!

A surprise gift of cash is not out of the question if you mind your manners.

Be especially helpful to the elderly. Helping someone out of a jam could pay you a nice dividend.

Letters and telephone calls should play key roles this week, and probably all the news is going to be pretty good.

Act natural! Trust your instincts, take chances — and you'll be glad you did!

CANCER
June 21-July 22

Teh! Teh! Plans for revenge — even though you're in the *right* — could make you appear small-minded.

Don't waste your time trying to get yours back.

You may have to be on the go all week to settle money matters to your satisfaction.

Complications that you may feel have been standing in the way of a happy relationship should be resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

Enjoy your newfound happiness!

LEO
July 23-Aug. 22

Good changes should be showing up on your horizon.

It's important for you to consider where you're going. Be realistic and everything should fall into place.

Your popularity, as you settle into a new and more cheerful outlook on life, should be high.

Good things are in the offing financially. Now's the time to pay attention to contests. Put your mind to work and you ought to win!

A calm and rational approach should work wonders.

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Don't jump the gun!

This isn't the time to believe anything until you see it for yourself.

You may feel the need to break free of routine and strut your stuff, but hold off on anything foolish.

Keep your nose to the grindstone.

If you must gamble, stick with all the old favorites that have done well for you in the past.

If you've felt in a spin over personal problems, don't worry. A little effort on your part and a permanent solution should occur to you.

LIBRA
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Everything's coming up roses!

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity ought to be coming your way.

You should be prepared to pounce on it. Get some expert advice if you need it, but try not to let this one get away from you.

A romantic change should be coming into your life about now. This may turn your life upside down — but it also may be just what you've been needing.

Try letting yourself go. Enjoy what's happening.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

New acquaintances could have moneymaking ideas that include you.

Hear them out and you might soon find yourself on the road to riches — if you play your cards right.

People you meet should be most receptive to your ideas just now. If possible, arrange to meet with them to discuss what's on your mind.

Clearing the air always helps, so make sure that there's nothing two-faced in what you say.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

What on earth have you gotten yourself into? Whatever it is, it does seem to be working!

Even though your loved ones aren't quite sure of what you're up to, they should come around to see things your way if you keep on having successes.

You seem to be on the right track emotionally, too.

Tell your loved one what you're feeling. Don't hide your thoughts. It's the worst thing you probably could do to the relationship.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Have a nice day!

This should be an ideal week to accent the positive and make the most of all opportunities that come your way.

Avoid situations, if you possibly can, that might hinder romantic endeavors.

You don't want to be put in a situation that may make you have to decide which direction to follow. So don't rock the boat! You're doing just fine as you are.

Don't listen to worrywarts!

If your birthday is this week . . .

The coming year should be filled with lots of times that you'll enjoy, and even a little excitement, if you're willing to take a chance.

Your life should get a boost, thanks to the advice of someone close to you.

Keep your sense of humor going at all times.

Romance should hit a high note, but again only if you're willing to risk a little freedom.

You ought to be able to get what you've worked so hard for in property matters.

Expect the best in all financial situations and it should be yours.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You could be in the position of finding some cash. It's just lying around waiting for you to discover it — somewhere!

This windfall should allow you to be generous with those around you. With your big heart, there's nothing you like better, but don't forget to put something by for that proverbial rainy day.

Current prospects couldn't be better, it seems, so you ought to be able to ease up on yourself and your duties for a bit.

PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Stick around! Something wonderful should be about to happen on the home front and you won't want to miss it.

Someone you know well should have some interesting ideas on a subject of universal interest — romance!

You may feel that you had enough of hard work for a time, but keep hanging in there.

Some investments, both of time and money, could begin to pay off. It shouldn't hurt to splurge a little.

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Man stocks hotel pool — with killer piranhas

Female swimmer eaten alive by blood-crazed fish!

Bigshot banker Hector Redo got so mad at the management of a highfalutin hotel that he dumped 200 killer piranhas in the hotel pool — then watched in horror as the flesh-crazy fish ate a screaming lady alive!

By LAUREL BOWIE

"I never wanted to hurt anybody. I just wanted to show this hotel they have to treat people a little better," hotheaded Hector later told reporters.

"When I call for room service, I want service."

The hair-raising tale began shortly after the moneybags Bolivian banker and his wife checked into a ritzy Rio de Janeiro hotel on the last leg of a Brazilian vacation.

"The minute we got to that damn hotel, everything started going wrong," huffy Hector recalled.

"We spent five minutes just trying to round up a bellhop. And when we finally got to our room, there weren't enough towels — so we had to wait another 10 minutes for the maid to bring us our towels. Then we went downstairs to lunch and everything was lousy there, too. The waiter was pokey, the asparagus was soggy and the hollandaise must have come from a can."

But the final straw came when the finicky businessman ordered champagne and caviar from room service — and the goodies never arrived.

"I was so furious I just wanted to get back at them," Hector told police. "And then I remembered those fish."

The cantankerous banker was traveling in a specially equipped van containing a tank full of bloodthirsty piranhas destined for a friend's marine biology lab in Bolivia.

Hopping-mad Hector, 47, charged downstairs, nutted 200 of the ferocious fish and dumped them into the hotel pool. Six shrieking swimmers leaped to safety, but unsuspecting Saundra Vesta, 36, didn't recognize the danger in time — and the ravenous piranhas ate her alive.

"I did something terrible," horrified Hector confessed. "But those room service people just made me so mad."

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By TOM SMIT
Correspondent

HISTORY'S MOST BIZARRE MURDER WEAPONS

Killers have used everything from a fish to a toothpick!

Murderers don't always use guns and knives to snuff their victims. The criminal record shows that they often use the nearest item at hand, including:

● **A toothpick.** Jordi Bassora of Barcelona, Spain, murdered his wife of just six months by jabbing one through her heart as she slept.

● **A bowling pin.** German Gunnar Waktel clubbed his best friend and bowling partner to death after the guy goosed him as he released his ball, causing him to miss the strike that would have given him a perfect game.

● **Shoe.** A Virginia schoolteacher beat her drunken father to death with a high heel after he threatened her with a carving knife.

● **Comb.** Artist Theodore Gardelle stabbed his landlady with a long-handled comb because she criticized one of his paintings.

● **Can opener.** Serial killer Gordon Frederick Cummins stabbed a woman with one during a murder spree in 1942.

● **Lawn mower.** Irate Dutch housewife Janny Dalmolen ran over her sunbathing hubby's head with a 21-inch rear bagger after she found lipstick on the collar of one of his shirts.

● **Billiard ball.** In 1845 two Frenchmen named Mellant and Lenfant dueled over a disputed game of pool. The weapons they chose were billiard balls. Mellant won by hitting Lenfant in the forehead.

● **Dead fish.** Peter Geiger clubbed buddy Horst Renk to death with a snapper to end an argument over which of the men would get the last piece of bait in their boat.

● **Hot sauce.** José Garcon, 53, got back at his domineering mother by wrestling her to the floor and pouring a bottle of pepper sauce down her throat. She choked to death.

● **Turtle.** Terrified teenager Wendy Gilbert fought off her abusive mother by hurting her brother's pet box turtle and cracking the woman's skull.

● **Telephone.** Angry Canadian Fred Ralston killed his lazy gossip of a wife in 1953 by strangling her with their telephone cord.

● **Potato chips.** Frustrated housewife Martha Gumble killed her couch-potato hubby Max by suffocating him with a bag of his favorite chips.

● **Cork.** A jealous Italian chef in 1332 fired a fatal champagne cork at his lover's head.

● **Camel dung.** Criminal records from ancient Egypt reveal that a merchant was stomped by his camel after an angry tenant knocked him off the beast with a chunk of dung!

Bare-butt bandit caught with his pants down!

Robbery charges have been filed against a brazen bandit who stuck up two stores wearing a paper sack over his face, a plaid shirt — and nothing else.

By JACK ALEXANDER

"It was strange," said one shocked victim. "To see his bare butt. I'll never forget that."

The bizarre holdups began in Canton, Mich., when the cheeky creep walked into a gas station and convenience store armed with a hammer and demanded all the money.

He pounded a hole in a door with the hammer before escaping with $57, police said.

A man with a hammer and wearing a plaid shirt, jeans and a sack with eye slits over his face held up a liquor store in Detroit five hours later.

Three women were working in a boutique in suburban Inkster two hours later when a man with a hammer, plaid shirt, sack over his face and naked from the waist down tried to rob them. "I tried to grab the hammer, and we struggled," said the store manager. "Then I realized this guy wasn't kidding. But he ran into the next room and that's when I noticed his bare butt."

The man smashed a glass showcase and took the cash register containing $200.

Laurence Bankelwicz, 27, was arrested on armed robbery charges. Cops said he was identified by two robbery victims in a police lineup.

NO SNOW!

Whatever you do, don't eat the snow from Vail's snow-making operations — because it's made from sewer water!

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DEVIL'S TRIANGLE SHOCKER

Sailors describe bizarre encounter with 300-yr.-old African slave ship — 15 miles off Florida's coast!

By MICKEY McGUIRE

Three oceangoing sailors have told a chilling tale of their encounter with a derelict 17th-century ship — and its wailing cargo of African slaves trapped in the limbo of the living dead!

The macabre rendezvous with the derelict slave ship came as the three seasoned sailors were cruising the sinister waters of the Devil's Triangle only 15 miles off the Florida coast.

"I'll never forget those faces . . . or get their cries of agony out of my head," said Fernando Cardenas, the 52-year-old skipper of the sloop *Witchcraft*.

"I had dreaded taking the boat into that hellish place, but there was no way to avoid it. I knew that something terrible would happen."

SKIPPER Cardenas

Roberto Baria

Paco Baria

Cardenas and his crew — 32-year-old Roberto Baria and his 17-year-old brother Paco — had been hired to sail *Witchcraft* from Key West to Bermuda where its British owner planned to begin a world cruise.

"It was high noon and we were off Fort Lauderdale with the sun glistening on the sea," Cardenas recalled. "The water was so flat and slick it looked like oil.

"All of a sudden, we were swallowed up in a glaring, white fog. It was like being caught in a blizzard. We could barely see our own bow.

"And the sea was whipped to a seething fury with 20-foot waves pounding the boat from every direction and I thought we'd be rolled over at any second. I began praying every prayer I learned as a child.

"Then, very slowly, a hole opened in the fog and the sea got dead calm again. I thought God had answered my prayers. But it turned out to be the work of the Devil.

"A three-masted ship sailed out of the hole toward us. It had all sails flying, but they were torn to shreds and the rigging and spars looked like they'd been battered by a hurricane.

"When the schooner got to within a few yards off, we could see that its decks were crowded with naked black slaves. Each one had on an iron collar around his neck with a chain that bound them all together.

"Their faces were twisted in agony and they stood on the deck moaning and wailing like banshees. They had no eyes, just empty sockets that glowed like blue-green coals.

"As the ship passed, the slaves reached out their chained hands as though pleading with us to help them. Then they were swallowed up by the fog and they vanished.

"The three of us just stood there paralyzed with fear, unable to move a muscle. My heart was thundering in my chest.

"Then, as quickly as it had come, the fog was gone and the sun was shining like a ball of fire again. It was as though we had all awakened at the same time from the same nightmare.

"It must have been that centuries ago that ship and its pitiful cargo of African slaves became snared in the Devil's Triangle, as have so many other ships and planes over the years.

"Though some may think I am mad, I know that was the ship we saw. And I hope I never see it again."

Man, 80, attacked by kangaroo!

Oldster Bill Turner was attacked by a kangaroo outside of his home near Toodyay, Australia.

The vicious bites forced the 80-year-old to be hospitalized for treatment.

— TOM ALLEN

Dying mother's dream comes true

Dying mom Marcia King's anguish turned to tears of joy when her runaway daughter returned home.

"She came back at the perfect time," said the Tampa, Fla., woman, who's stricken with terminal cancer, "I was at my lowest."

In a recent newspaper article, Mrs. King asked for her daughter Cassandra Elsner, 15, to please come home. Luckily, the teen, who was staying with a friend outside Lakeland, saw her mom's heartfelt plea and decided to return.

HONK! HONK!

Runaway pig hog-ties traffic 2 full hours!

A 410-pound pig named Goober got loose on a busy city bridge and hog-tied traffic for two hours.

Rex and Lyz Nowling of Largo, Fla., were taking their year old porker to an animal retirement home when he jumped from their pickup truck as they were crossing the Howard Frankland Bridge between St. Petersburg and Tampa.

"He's pretty well trained," said Mrs. Nowling, who'd raised Goober from a piglet. "But pigs do have minds of their own. I guess he just wanted out."

After two hours, the runaway hog was tranquilized by a veterinarian and continued on to his new home.

'SHADOW' SHOCKER

The father of General Norman Schwarzkopf, the Top Gun of U.S. forces in the Gulf, once worked in radio and wrote the famous line: "Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Shadow knows."

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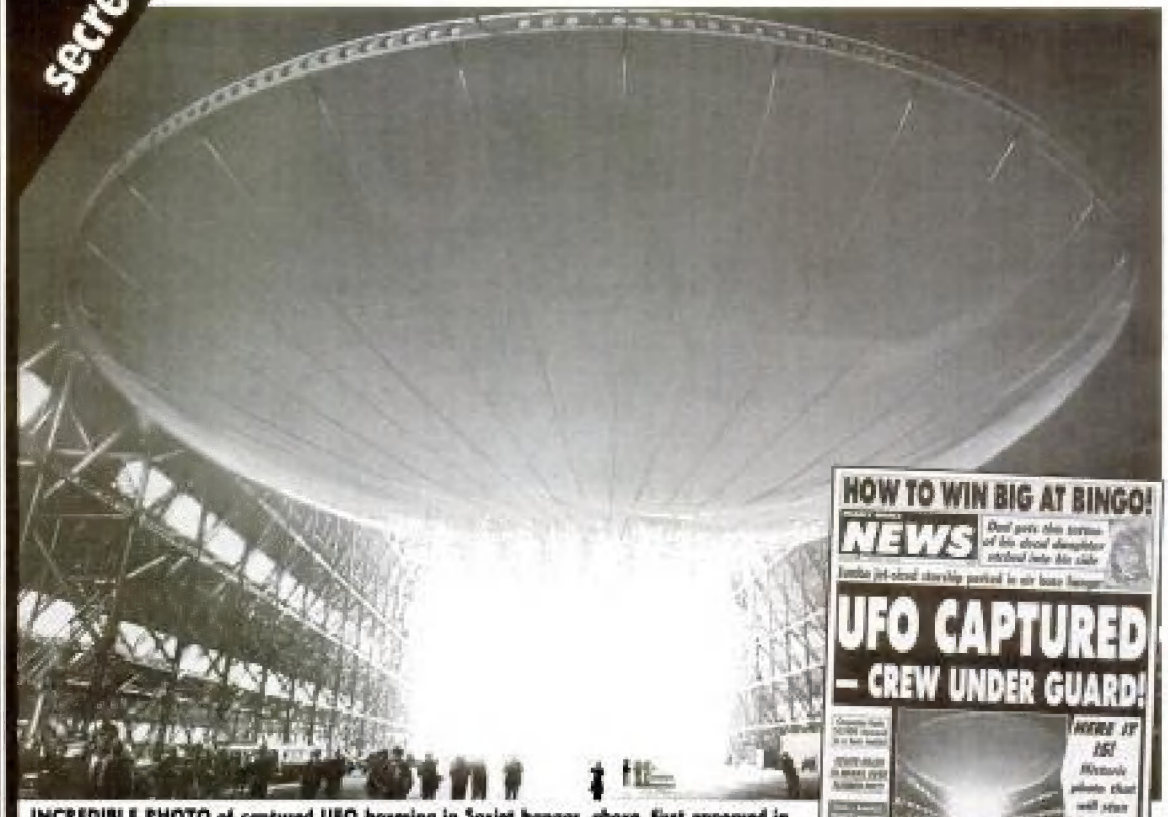
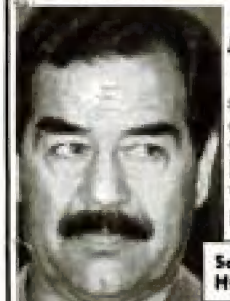


INCREDIBLE PHOTO of captured UFO hovering in Soviet hangar, above, first appeared in the July 31 edition of The *NEWS*, right. Since then the cash-starved Russians have sold the huge starship to America for a whopping 650 billion dollars, according to a top scientist.

SICKO SADDAM'S FINAL REVENGE



Saddam Hussein

Hussein sends 'human bombs' to blow up world's biggest cities!

Iraqi madman Saddam Hussein plans to destroy the major cities of the world in one devastating moment of horror — with kamikaze commandos armed with undetectable bombs implanted in their bodies!

Saddam will unleash his fiendish plot of revenge in the final hours before the unstoppable tide of Allied ground crush his murderous regime once and for all.

"It's his ace in the hole . . . his last gasp at enshrining himself as the hero of the Arab world," declared a high ranking Iraqi defector.

The deserter, identified only as a colonel, said Saddam recruited his all-volunteer suicide armada immediately after America began landing troops

colonel shocked the Allied high command when he revealed that each of Saddam's assassins — about 1,800 in all — is carrying about three pounds of a new plastic explosive that can't be detected.

"They are, at this very moment, hiding in the major cities of the world, waiting for their moment of glory," the Iraqi turncoat declared.

Chicago, Washington, London, Tel Aviv, Paris, Berlin, Rome, Tokyo, Athens and Montreal are but a few of the cities Saddam has targeted for his revenge.

"At a predetermined hour they will use their implanted detonators to blow themselves and everything around them into oblivion, and millions will die," warned the defector.

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UFO FLOWN — BY U.S. NAVY

By BART MALONE

U.S. Navy pilots flew reconnaissance missions and actually vaporized Iraqi aircraft and ground installations — in a captured UFO!

That's the word from astrophysicist Heinrich Wolff, who says the implications of America using extraterrestrial weaponry are almost beyond belief.

For starters, it would be the first time that alien technology has been used by humans against human targets.

It would also explain how the Allied forces were able to establish air superiority over the Iraqis in a matter of days instead of months.

And it could help the United States prevent future wars just by threatening to unleash the 150-foot starship on any army that's guilty of aggression.

"The U.S. Navy has a UFO and that means the war with Iraq was over before it started," Dr. Wolff, who blew the lid off the capture of the UFO last spring, told newsmen in Frankfurt, Germany.

"The starship flies at speeds approaching 90,000 miles per hour and is equipped with powerful laser weapons unlike anything the world has ever seen before.

"Sources tell me that it was flying reconnaissance missions over Iraq before the war began. I'm also told that it participated in bombing runs and literally vaporized ground installations and aircraft in Iraq.

"Needless to say a starship is a powerful deterrent to future wars.

"There's simply no way to fight it."

Neither the Pentagon nor the U.S. Navy would comment on Dr. Wolff's allegations but sources privately confirmed that alien technology "has been part and parcel of our strategy in the Gulf from the beginning."

According to Dr. Wolff, the U.S. military got the UFO from the Soviet Union, which captured nine space aliens and commandeered their spacecraft after it landed in Siberia last May 29.

As *The NEWS* reported at the time, the Russians took the aliens to Moscow for interrogation and flew the starship to a military base for study.

Photographs obtained and released by Dr. Wolff, who has close ties to the Soviet military, showed the starship hovering in a Soviet hangar.

More recent photos also show the UFO but this time it's streaking through the skies over Iraq.

"The Russians wanted to keep the starship but their economy is so bad that they sold it to the United States for a staggering figure, at least 650 billion dollars in hard currency and trade credits," said Dr. Wolff. "My sources aren't sure why the U.S. Navy is flying the UFO as opposed to the U.S. Air Force. My guess is that both branches submitted proposals for using the starship and the Navy won out.

"Of course, it doesn't matter who's flying the UFO as long as they support the goals of the Allied forces. This craft is literally the ultimate weapon. There's no airplane on Earth, not even America's Stealth bomber, that compares to it."

Dr. Wolff has no information concerning the captured extraterrestrials and is the first to admit that the United States will deny having the UFO in spite of his claims to the contrary. "The U.S. denied having Stealth technology for a decade or more so I seriously doubt they'll come clean about this," the expert said.

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Dr. Heinrich Wolff

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